CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization will be the Student Government Association of Northeastern University. For the purposes of this document, the organization will be referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: MISSION

A. Mission Statement

The Student Government Association serves as the voice of the undergraduate student body. It strives to promote student interests within the University and its surrounding communities in order to enrich education, student life, and the overall Northeastern experience.

B. Object

In support of this mission, the object of the Association is to be the official liaison between the students and the University Faculty and Administration; to act in an advisory capacity to the Faculty and Administration; to strive to make the University a continually more serviceable institution; to serve students as a resource in resolving concerns; to be the means by which the student body of the University communicates with the faculty, administration, and Trustees of the University; to be the approval authority for all petitions or referenda that students or student organizations wish to circulate among the student body; to be the means by which students influence the educational programs, processes, and the administrative management of the University; and to distribute funds from the Student Activity Fee to eligible student organizations. The Association is the means by which students are represented in the governance of the University. The Association is therefore the general interest group on campus advocating in the interest of all undergraduate students. At its electoral base are full-time undergraduate students currently enrolled in the University. The Association’s operational activities are carried out by the Senate, Executive Board, and Operation Appeals Board, which are open to all qualified students in the manner prescribed by the Constitution.

“"The Association was established on the basis that it would be the representative group of the entire full-time undergraduate University community including all of its diverse views and peoples. The Association will not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, gender, gender identity, religion, religious creed, genetics, age, sex (including pregnancy or pregnancy related condition), ancestry, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status.

It is the hope and duty of the Association that it respect, understand, and accept the differences and similarities that exist within and outside the University community.

ARTICLE III: SENATE

A. SENATE

The Senate is the deliberative body from which all authority vested in the Association originates. The Senate quorum shall be one-half of the voting roster, plus one. Only members with voting rights will count toward quorum at any time. The Senate has the powers and responsibilities to:

1. Represent the voice of the student body;
2. Pass legislation to recommend actions to the Office of Student Affairs regarding University life, policies, and concerns of the student body;
3. Override an executive veto or decision by a two-thirds majority;
4. Approve the Executive Board’s budget proposal and recommend it for submission to the Finance Board for final approval;
5. Approve or disapprove requests by political candidates to obtain access to the University in the absence of other recognition from sponsoring organizations or units within the University (this
decision is subject to University policies and procedures governing access to the campus of outside individuals or organizations);

6. Remove any officer from the Association, following the impeachment process set forth in the Bylaws;

7. Retain all powers vested in the Association that are not specifically delegated in the Constitution and Bylaws; and

8. Approve any allocation from the cash account regarding Association stipends, at the recommendation of the Student Body President.

9. Act as the approval body of outside individuals or organizations to circulate petitions or referenda among the students in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Association’s Bylaws.

B. FULL BODY SENATE

Full Body meetings of the Senate represent the full membership of the Senate.

1. Full Body Senate meetings, in addition to possessing all powers of the Senate, are held to:
   a. Open nominations for and elect Association officers designated for Senate election;
   b. Confirm or reject any officers appointed by the Student Body President, Executive Vice President, Student Body President-Elect, or Executive Vice President-Elect;
   c. Make changes to the Association Constitution and Bylaws;
   d. Hear and decide charges of impeachment.

2. Full Body Senate meetings can be called by the Executive Board or by a simple majority of the Senate, initiated by a motion from a Senator. A Full Body meeting can be called only if there is adequate time to notify the Senate roster.
   a. The Executive Board will give no fewer than three weeks of notice to the Full Body Senate roster as to the time and place of the meeting
      i. Only one week of notice is required for meeting to hear impeachment charges or hold a special election
      ii. A two-thirds majority of the total voting membership of Senate can call a Full Body meeting with only one week of notice for any purpose.
   b. Quorum for the Full Body Senate meeting will be one-half of the full voting roster plus one.

C. SENATORS

Members of the Senate must be enrolled as full-time, undergraduate students of Northeastern University, in good academic and judicial standing, and be responsible to an identifiable constituency. Senators are responsible for maintaining an effective system of two-way communication and consistently returning to and representing their respective constituents. Senators will serve terms that each span one calendar year beginning on September 30th for senators beginning their terms in a Fall Semester or January 30th for senators beginning their terms in a Spring Semester.

D. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

For Senate elected positions, elections will take place no sooner than one week after nominations are opened. The process of nominations and elections for positions directly elected by the full-time undergraduate student body will be subject to the rules outlined in the Direct Elections Manual.

1. The following positions are directly elected by the full-time undergraduate student body:
   a. Student Body President;
   b. Executive Vice President.

2. The following positions are elected by Senate:
   a. Vice President for Academic Affairs;
   b. Vice President for Student Affairs;
   c. Vice President for Student Involvement;
   d. Vice President for Student Services;
   e. Vice President for Sustainability
   f. Comptroller;
   g. Elections Committee Chair.

3. The following positions are appointed by the Student Body President:
   a. Chief of Staff;
b. Executive Director of Communication;
c. Director of Information Management.

4. The following positions are appointed by the Executive Vice President
   a. Parliamentarian;
   b. Sergeant-At-Arms.

5. The following positions are appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs
   a. Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

6. At any time after the announcement of the results of the Direct Elections, the President-Elect and Executive Vice President-Elect may appoint any officers which the President and Executive Vice President have the authority to appoint. These appointed officers, if confirmed by Senate, will begin their term as officer when the President-Elect and Executive Vice President-Elect take office as President and Executive Vice President.

E. VACANCIES
1. All vacancies when an elected or appointed officer resigns, is removed from office, or is declared by a vote of the Executive Board to have abandoned their office must be made public on the SGA website within 24 hours and the entire Senate roster must be notified as well.

2. Emergency Elections
   a. During the fall or summer semesters, if an elected officer resigns, is removed from, or abandons office, the Executive Board must call a Full Body Senate meeting as soon as possible to carry out an emergency election.
      i. All elected positions, even those normally directly elected by the student body, will be elected by a Full Body Senate in an emergency election.
      ii. Nominations by mail for the vacant position will be open automatically as soon as the vacancy is publicly announced. This must be indicated when the Senate roster is notified of a vacancy.
   b. If an elected officer resigns, is removed from, or abandons office during the spring semester, there will be no emergency election unless they do not have a Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Vice-Chair, or Deputy to assume the position.
   c. If an appointed officer resigns, is removed from, or abandons office, the appointing officer, either the President or Executive Vice President respectively, must appoint a replacement within two weeks and then the Executive Board must call a Full Body Senate meeting as soon as possible to carry out the confirmation which will be considered an emergency election.

3. Succession
   a. If the President resigns, is removed from, or abandons office, the Executive Vice President will permanently assume the presidency and temporarily retain the position of Executive Vice President until a new Executive Vice President is elected in an emergency election.
   b. If the Executive Vice President resigns, is removed from, or abandons office, the Executive Board will appoint a Vice President to serve as the presiding officer of Senate until a new Executive Vice President is elected in an emergency election.
   c. If both the President and Executive Vice President resign, are removed from, or abandon their offices, officers in the following order, unless vacant, will temporarily assume the presidency and serve as the presiding officer of Senate until a new President and Executive Vice President are elected in an emergency election: Vice President for Student Involvement, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Student Services, and Vice President for Sustainability.
   d. If any elected officer other than the President or Executive Vice President resigns, is removed from, or abandons office:
      i. In the fall or summer semesters, their appropriate Assistant Vice President, Vice-Chair, or Deputy will temporarily assume the elected office until an emergency election can be held to replace the officer.
      ii. In the spring semester, their appropriate Assistant Vice President, Vice-Chair, or Deputy will assume the elected office for the remainder of the elected officer’s term.
e. In any case where there is no person designated to temporarily serve in a vacant elected position, the Executive Board will appoint a temporary officer from the Senate Roster to serve until a new officer can be elected in an emergency election.

F. STANDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
Standing Executive Committees serve to make recommendations to the Senate on Association policies and objectives in the respective area; and to execute all Association policies and objectives in the respective area of focus. The standing committees and boards are chaired by the respective executive officer and are:

1. Academic Affairs Committee
2. Student Affairs Committee
3. Student Involvement Board
   a. The Student Involvement Board will make recommendations to the Senate on Association policies and objectives in the area of student organizations. The Student Involvement Board has the power and responsibility to approve new student organizations and changes to student organization constitutions, and to distribute designated student organization office space. The Student Involvement Board shall be guided by its mission statement as confirmed by the Senate.
4. Student Services Committee
5. Finance Board
   a. The Finance Board will make recommendations to the Senate on student organization account procedures, policies, and objectives, make recommendations to the Student Involvement Board on the Student Activity Fee Manual under which specific budget allocations are determined, and approve all student organization requests and annual allocations. The Finance Board shall be guided by its mission statement as confirmed by the Senate.
6. Communications and Events Committee
   a. The Communications and Events Committee will have the responsibility of coordinating at least one student outreach program per semester.
7. Sustainability Board
   a. The Sustainability Board will initiate and maintain contacts with university offices in order to facilitate collaboration on university initiatives relating to sustainability and renewable energy. The Sustainability Board will provide guidance for members of the Northeastern University community pursuing sustainability initiatives.
   b. The Sustainability Board will make available funds for sustainability projects initiated by members of the Northeastern University community. The Sustainability Board will also review all projects meeting the requirements in the Sustainability Fund Policies. The Sustainability Board will also promote the Fund in order to maintain it through continued donations.

G. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
1. The Elections Committee will serve as the oversight and advisory body for nominations and elections. The Elections Committee shall be guided by its mission statement as confirmed by the Senate.
2. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
   a. The Elections Committee Chair serves to oversee the process by which students serve the Association through direct election, representative election, and petition. The Elections Committee Chair will be elected by the Senate. The Elections Committee Chair has the power and responsibility to:
      i. Chair the Elections Committee;
      ii. Appoint a Vice-Chair for the Elections Committee from among its members;
      iii. Present any Nominations by Mail made since the last Senate meeting to Senate during their address during the meeting; and
      iv. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate.
ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The Executive Board is the executive authority of the Association. The Student Body President will chair the Executive Board and votes only in the case of a tie.

1. The Executive board is composed of the
   a. Student Body President;
   b. Executive Vice President;
   c. Vice President for Academic Affairs;
   d. Vice President for Student Affairs;
   e. Vice President for Student Involvement;
   f. Vice President for Student Services;
   g. Vice President for Sustainability; and
   h. Comptroller.

2. The Executive Board collectively serves the student body and has the powers and responsibilities to:
   a. Set the date, time, place, and agenda of Senate meetings;
   b. Provide the agenda of the Executive Board on the Association’s website, within 24 hours of the Executive Board meeting;
   c. Confirm students to the Finance Board, the Sustainability Board, and the Student Involvement Board;
   d. Confirm students for Senate consideration of appointment to the Operational Appeals Board;
   e. Override Presidential appointment to Chief of Staff by a three-fourths vote, and inform the Senate of such proceedings.
   f. Vote on questions of whether Association officers have abandoned duties, evaluate the performance of Association officers, and make recommendations to the Senate concerning their individual continuations in office;
   g. Act for the Senate when it is not possible to wait for the next Senate meeting for a decision on an issue. The Executive Board shall not have the authority when the issue involves major policy changes or adaptations that will significantly affect the student body. When the Executive Board acts on behalf of the Senate, the Senate shall be informed of such actions and the reasons for them immediately;
   h. Act for a committee or board when a committee or board may not meet because of intersession, summer semester, or in the event of an emergency. Acting in this capacity under such circumstances, the Executive Board will make every effort to contact the members of the appropriate committee or board to determine the status of the issues when the committee or board last met;
   i. Represent the Association to the Board of Trustees, University President, and other senior University officials concerning matters related to the Undergraduate Student Body;
   j. Create or eliminate positions within the Association that are not enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws and do not alter the voting membership of the Senate; and
   k. Approve all purchases that exceed one hundred dollars out of either the Association’s budget or cash accounts.

B. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

1. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The Student Body President (also “President”) is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and is responsible for executing all its policies and objectives. The President oversees external Association communications, interactions with community bodies and Boston-area student-governance bodies. Over the course of Academic semesters, the President is expected to work approximately 40 hours per week in carrying out their duties. The President has the powers and responsibilities to:

   a. Be the spokesperson for the Association, and the student body as a whole;
   b. Chair the Executive Board;
   c. Report to the Senate on Executive Board actions and activities;
   d. Serve as a non-voting member of the Senate;
e. Approve or veto legislation with a signature within one week of Senate approval;

f. Appoint student members to represent the Association to University committees with a simple majority approval of the Executive Board;

g. Receive reports from the student members of University committees and, if necessary, report to the Senate of these meetings;

h. Facilitate the Association’s involvement with University-wide financial planning and priorities;

i. Receive reports on and make recommendations for the allocation of all student controlled fees, where a board has not been established to oversee such allocations;

j. Nominate Justices for the Operational Appeals Board, and release the names of the nominated candidates prior to confirmation by the Senate and the Executive Board;

k. Appoint an Executive Director of Communication to be confirmed by the Senate;

l. Appoint a Chief of Staff to be presented to the Executive Board prior to Senate Confirmation;

m. Appoint a Director of Information Management to be confirmed by the Senate;

n. Evaluate the performance of the Association officers, and make recommendations through the Executive Board to the Senate concerning their individual continuations in office;

o. Work with the Chief of Staff to develop the Association’s budget proposal for the next fiscal year, subject to Executive Board approval, and submit it to the Senate;

p. Inform the members of the Executive Board of any pending expenditures over one hundred dollars; and in the case that the Board cannot meet in person, to solicit votes electronically within a voting period of at least one business day; and

q. Act as a liaison notwithstanding any liaison authority possessed by other Association officers.

2. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The Executive Vice President serves to assist the President in long-term planning, special projects and initiatives. In addition, the Executive Vice President oversees the Association’s internal communications, all Senate communications, events, archives, fundraising, and alumni connections. Over the course of Academic semesters the Executive Vice President is expected to work approximately 30 hours per week in carrying out their duties. The Executive Vice President has the powers and responsibilities to:

a. Be the presiding officer of the Senate voting only in the case of a tie;

b. Assume the Presidency in the event the President is unable to perform the duties of that office;

c. Appoint a Parliamentarian to be confirmed by the Senate;

d. Appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms to be confirmed by the Senate; and

e. Track the projects and initiatives of the members of the Cabinet.

3. VICE PRESIDENTS

a. All Vice Presidents are expected to work approximately 20 hours per week during Academic semesters to carry out their duties and have the power and responsibility to:

i. Serve as the official spokesperson for the committees which they chair;

ii. Assist students in addressing concerns, complaints, and grievances in their respective areas;

iii. Appoint or remove any individual serving in an appointed position reporting to the respective Vice President, as defined by the Constitution, Bylaw, or Executive Board authority;

iv. Serve as members of Senate to represent the interests of the undergraduate student body to the Senate in their respective areas, and;

v. Present a bi-annual written report on the activities and accomplishments in their respective areas to the Association.

vi. Appoint an Assistant Vice President for their respective area

b. VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Vice President for Academic Affairs serves to address student concerns in the areas of college relations and curriculum, Provost’s office, experiential education, libraries, classroom facilities, career services, honors programs, University calendar, international
opportunities, and undergraduate research. The Vice President for Academic Affairs has the power and responsibility to:

   i. Chair the Academic Affairs Committee; and
   ii. Attend all Faculty Senate meetings, and the power and responsibility to act as the Association’s liaison to the Faculty. The goal of this liaison relationship is to have shared goals for improving the academic experience.

c. VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
The Vice President for Student Affairs serves to address student concerns in the areas of athletics, inclusion and diversity, student conduct, arts, residential life, off-campus students, alcohol and drug education, international students, and spiritual life. The Vice President for Student Affairs has the power and responsibility to:

   i. Chair the Student Affairs Committee;
   ii. Nominate representatives to participate in the selection process for Student Hearing Board members; and
   iii. Appoint an Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to be presented to the Executive Board prior to Senate confirmation.

d. VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
The Vice President for Student Involvement serves to address student concerns in the areas of student organizations, student leadership, as well as to provide resources and opportunities to student organizations in the areas of collaboration and communication. The Vice President for Student Involvement has the power and responsibility to:

   i. Chair the Student Involvement Board; and
   ii. Appoint students to seats on the Student Involvement Board, subject to confirmation by the Executive Board. In addition to the applications of those nominated, the applications of all students for seats on the Student Involvement Board shall be forwarded to the Executive Board.

e. VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES
The Vice President for Student Services serves to address student concerns in the areas of food and dining, information services, facilities, housing, health services, public safety, financial services, campus recreation, student accounts, ID card services, mail services, retail operations, renewable energy, Curry Student Center, parking, and transportation. The Vice President for Student Services has the power and responsibility to:

   i. Chair the Student Services Committee.

f. VICE PRESIDENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY
The Vice President for Sustainability serves to address student concerns in the areas of sustainability and renewable energy, as well as to provide resources and opportunities to Northeastern students and student organizations in order to represent the sustainability interests of the Northeastern University community. The Vice President for Sustainability has the power and responsibility to:

   i. Chair the Sustainability Board; and
   ii. Appoint students to seats on the Sustainability Board, subject to confirmation by the Executive Board. In addition to the applications of those nominated, the applications of all students for seats on the Sustainability Board shall be forwarded to the Executive Board; and

4. ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENTS
Each Assistant Vice President will have the powers and responsibilities to:

a. Aid their Vice President with the Vice President’s responsibilities; and
b. Serve as Vice-Chair to the committee that their Vice President chairs.

c. Assistant Vice Presidents are not members of the Executive Board.

5. COMPTROLLER
The Comptroller serves to oversee the allocations of the Student Activity Fee and has organizational financial oversight over all student organization accounts. The Comptroller is expected to work approximately 20 hours per week during Academic semesters to carry out their duties. The Comptroller has the power and responsibility to:

a. Chair the Finance Board;
b. Serve as the official spokesperson for the Finance Board;
c. Serve as a non-voting representative to the Student Involvement Board;
d. Serve as the liaison between students and the Student Activities Business Office;
e. Assist students in addressing concerns, complaints, and grievances in their respective area;
f. Appoint or remove any individual serving in an appointed position reporting to the Comptroller, as defined by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Executive Board authority;
g. Serve as a member of the Senate;
h. Present a bi-annual written report on the activities and accomplishments in their respective area to the Association;
i. Appoint students to seats on the Finance Board, subject to confirmation by the Executive Board. In addition to the applications of those nominated, the applications of all students for seats on the Finance Board shall be forwarded to the Executive Board; and
j. Appoint a Deputy Comptroller from the membership of the Finance Board.

6. DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
The Deputy Comptroller has the powers and responsibilities to:
   a. Aid the Comptroller with the Comptroller’s responsibilities; and
   b. Serve as the Vice-Chair of the Finance Board.

C. EXECUTIVE CABINET
The Executive Cabinet is composed of the members of the Executive Board, the Chief of Staff, and the Executive Director of Communications. At least once per semester, each officer in the Executive Cabinet is required to provide typed or written reports of their Association activities, in a format and according to a timeline to be determined by the Executive Board, which must be uploaded to the Association’s website within five business days of the completion of the reports.

1. CHIEF OF STAFF
The Chief of Staff serves to assist the President and Executive Vice President in the administration of the Association, specifically in the areas of transition planning, Association financial management, office management, retention and member development, and Senate document management, including official records of business. The Chief of Staff is expected to work approximately 20 hours per week during Academic semesters to carry out their duties. The Chief of Staff has the power and responsibility to:
   a. Manage the Association roster;
   b. Serve as the Association’s treasurer, including the production of financial reports as required by the Finance Board;
   c. Maintain and process the business and financial matters of the Association under the general supervision of the President;
   d. Prepare and present a summary of Association spending to the Senate on a bi-annual basis and maintain a running summary for the Executive Board;
   e. Work with the President to develop the Association’s budget proposal for the next fiscal year, subject to Executive Board approval, and submit it to the Senate; and
   f. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate.

2. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
The Deputy Chief of Staff has the power and responsibility to:
   a. Assist the Chief of Staff with the commission of their duties as they require;
   b. Ensure accurate minute-taking during Senate meetings; and
   c. The Deputy Chief of Staff is not a member of Executive Cabinet.

3. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
The Sergeant-At-Arms will have the power and responsibility to:
   a. Aid the Executive Vice President in maintaining order in and the administrative tasks during Association Senate meetings;
   b. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate unless already a member of Senate; and
   c. Supervise the counting of ballots in all votes by secret ballot.
   d. The Sergeant-At-Arms is not a member of Executive Cabinet.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
The Executive Director of Communications will aid the Student Body President and Executive Vice President on matters concerning the communications of Association projects and initiatives to the student body and the media, and the execution of Association events. The Executive Director of Communications is expected to work approximately 20 hours per week during Academic semesters to carry out their duties. The Executive Director of Communications will have the power and responsibility to:

a. Chair the Communications and Events Committee.
b. Appoint or remove any individual serving in an appointed position reporting to them as defined by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Executive Board authority; and
c. Appoint a Vice Chair to the Communications and Events Committee.
d. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
The Assistant Director of Communications will be appointed by the Executive Director of Communications. The Assistant Director of Communications has the responsibilities to:

a. Aid the Executive Director of Communications with the Executive Director’s responsibilities; and
b. Serve as the Vice-Chair of the Communications and Events committee.
c. The Assistant Director of Communications is not a member of Executive Cabinet.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION
The Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is to be an active advocate for marginalized communities at Northeastern University and shall serve to promote and improve social equity by collaborating with university staff, students, clubs and departments. The Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will have the power and responsibility to:

a. Advise Cabinet and all committees and boards to ensure the principles of diversity and inclusion are upheld in Association projects and legislation;
b. Provide all members of the Association with educational materials and training related to diversity and inclusion;
   i. Hold a minimum of one diversity and inclusion workshop for all members of the Executive Cabinet;
c. Publish a report on current diversity and inclusion initiatives and opportunities to improve equitability in the Association in each of the Fall and Spring semesters;
d. Collaborate with the Executive Director of Communications, Chief of Staff, and other relevant officers to increase communication and engagement with marginalized communities that are underrepresented in the Association;
e. Work with members of the Executive Cabinet to incorporate the principles of diversity and inclusion in all Association events; and
   f. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate.

7. DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
The Director of Information Management has the responsibilities to:

a. Aid the Association in matters pertaining to data policy, survey creation, record keeping, and website management at the direction of the President;
b. Serve as a non-voting member of Senate; and
c. The Director of Information Management is not a member of Executive Cabinet.

ARTICLE V: OPERATIONAL APPEALS BOARD

A. The Operational Appeals Board will serve to hear appeals from Association boards and committees. The Board will have original jurisdiction in cases in which a representative of the Association is a party. The Board shall be guided by its mission statement and procedures as approved by the Senate.

B. Membership of the Board can vary by case and shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. For appeals of Finance Board decisions:
   a. Quorum shall be no less than the full voting membership and the Board will be composed of the following individuals:
      i. The Comptroller;
ii. A Justice from the general membership of the Board, appointed by the Executive Board for the duration of the Executive Board’s term;
iii. The University’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, or designee;
iv. The Student Body President as a non-voting member; and
v. The Parliamentarian as a non-voting member;

b. If the Association is the appealing party, the University’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, or designee, will make the final decision

2. For appeals of Student Involvement Board decisions:
   a. Quorum shall be no less than the full voting membership and the Board will be composed of the following individuals:
      i. Vice President of Student Involvement;
      ii. A Justice from the general membership of the Board, appointed by the Executive Board for the duration of the Executive Board’s term;
      iii. The Director of the Center for Student Involvement or designee;
      iv. Student Body President as a non-voting member;
      v. Parliamentarian as a non-voting member;

3. For all other jurisdictions, the Board will be composed of six Justices with quorum being no less than four and the following, non-voting members:
   a. The Parliamentarian;
   b. A University administrator within the Division of Student Affairs to provide advice relevant to a given case;
   c. In appeals of board or committee decisions, the Student Body President.

C. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian serves to manage the Association’s governing documents, rules and appeals. The Parliamentarian will have the power and responsibility to:

1. Chair the Operational Appeals Board;
2. Receive and process all requests for appeals from Association boards;
3. Advise the presiding officer of the Senate on procedural precedence and act as a resource during weekly Senate meetings;
4. Advise the Association officers on Robert’s Rules of Order, and act as a resource in matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure;
5. Remain available for consultation by any Association committee or board on matters pertaining to the policies and procedures governing the Association; and
6. If the Parliamentarian is not also a Senator, serve as a non-voting member of the Senate.

ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules of order as established in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and not in conflict with any portion of this Constitution or any bylaws, rules, or procedures that the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE VII: ADVISOR

A. The advisor to the Association will be a full-time faculty member of the University. A co-advisor shall be appointed by the Executive Board; the co-advisor shall be any full time staff member in the Division of Student Affairs within the University. The advisors will have the responsibilities to:

1. Provide advice and guidance to the members of the Association on matters of importance to the Association;
2. Serve as a conduit, when requested, between the Association and the Faculty and Administration of the University;
3. Optionally oversee the counting of ballots at Association elections;
4. Serve as a repository of Association knowledge and provide this information when requested and as necessary to the members of the Association; and
5. Serve as a non-voting member on all association boards and committees. Attendance at these meetings will not be considered mandatory unless agreed upon with the appropriate chairperson.

B. The advisor(s) will serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

To amend this document, a Resolution of Governance, as defined by the Bylaws, must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Full Body Senate. Such Resolutions shall take effect once signed by the President of the University or their designee.
ARTICLE IX: ASSOCIATION APPROVAL

This amended document has been approved by the required two-thirds vote of the Full Body Senate of the Association through a vote on November 25, 2019.

_____________________________  
Christopher Brown  
President  
Student Government Association  
Date: 11/25/2020

ARTICLE X: UNIVERSITY APPROVAL

This amended document is approved.

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Kenneth Henderson, Chancellor & Senior Vice President for Learning  
*On behalf of Joseph E. Aoun, President*  
Northeastern University  
Date: 3/2/2020