Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
Student Government Association Constitution  

Preamble  

We, the students of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, will provide effective representation in all matters that directly affect the state of student affairs using the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order for parliamentary procedure while maintaining the highest ethical standards, do hereby establish and adopt this constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE  

SECTION 1  

This organization shall be known as the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

SECTION 2  

The Student Government Association shall be the only organization on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi which exists to represent the student body as granted through this constitution.

ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE BRANCH  

SECTION 1  

All executive powers shall be vested in the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association.

SECTION 2  

The Executive Branch shall consist of a Student Government President and a Student Government Vice President who shall be elected by a majority vote of the student body of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

SECTION 3  

The duties and powers of the Student Government President shall include but not be limited to:
a. Administering the Oath of Office to all newly elected executive officers, Senators, Committee Chairpersons or Co-Chairs, and to any appointed and approved students filling any vacant positions with Student Government. The Student Government Advisor, Vice President of Student Affairs, or the President of the University shall administer the Oath of Office to the Student Government President and Vice President.
b. Jointly appointing, with the incumbent Chief Justice, and succeeding President, the succeeding Chief Justice of the Student Government Judicial Branch. The succeeding President, along with the newly appointed Chief Justice, shall jointly appoint up to four associate justices, as required. All appointments shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.
c. Appointing a Public Relations Chairperson, preferably with a marketing/communications background, Historian, special committees, and University committees. All appointments shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.
d. Appointing a treasurer, to serve as a liaison between the Student Affairs Business Coordinator and the Executive Branch. The treasurer must have a minimum 60 completed hours at the time of appointment, preferably with finance or accounting background, and two letters of recommendation from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi professors. The treasurer may not hold any other offices within the Student Government Association during their term of office. The treasurer has no voting power, and will have no influence on the budget.
e. The Student Government President shall have authority to create and appoint all necessary executive offices and committees, which will serve at the discretion of the Student Government President. These offices and committees, including but not limited to the Secretary, and Speaker of the Senate, are required to maintain the office of student government, which shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate. All officers and committee chairpersons are required to be present for a minimum of one hour per week during regular business hours.
f. Appointing a new Student Government Vice President or Chief Justice in the event of resignation, removal from office, or incapacitation, which shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.
g. Calling special sessions of the Student Senate when needed, and to specify the date, time, and location of such meeting within 48 hours of the day of the meeting called. The Student Senate shall convene anytime during the fall, spring, and summer I and summer II semesters or except during final exam weeks. Final exam weeks are defined as the first day of finals, to the last day of finals, not including days of the week before finals officially begin, or after finals end. Special sessions may include conference calls. Appropriate votes are as follows: Yay, Nay, or Blank (abstention).
h. Presenting the State of Student Affairs address once the entire Student Senate is elected and seated. This address shall also be presented to all campus newspapers for campus-wide distribution.
i. Briefing the incoming Student Government President-elect and the Student Government Vice President-elect on all University affairs.
j. Representing the student body on the Chancellor’s Student Advisory Board.
k. Representing the student body on the Student Service Fees Advisory Committee.
l. Serving as the ceremonial representative of the student body. Events to be attended include but are not to be limited to all events in which there is an administrative invitation, such as a member of the Student Panel for the Presidential Search Committee, Investiture ceremonies, the President Convocation, the President’s Ball, Islander Tribute, Board Authorized Tuition Hearings. Appropriate demeanor and etiquette must be demonstrated while serving as a ceremonial representative, which will be determined by those administrative officials who offered invitations. Reported discrepancies will be reviewed by the Student Senate and any hearing for disciplinary actions will be brought before the Judicial Board.
m. Setting scheduled meetings at the beginning of each semester (within the first two calendar weeks) and the end of each semester (within the last three calendar weeks) with the University President and the University Provost. Setting scheduled meetings with the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students on a monthly basis. Setting scheduled meetings with the Student Government Advisor on a weekly basis. All meetings will be kept within the timelines stated herein.
n. Setting and keeping scheduled meetings throughout the calendar year with the following University officials on an annual basis. Deans of Colleges, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, Associate Vice President of Academics, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Bell Library Director, Health Center. Director, Athletics Director, Speaker of Faculty Senate, Staff Advisory Council President. All meetings will be kept within the timelines stated herein.
o. Signing or vetoing any bill passed by the Student Senate. The President shall be able to use line item veto. Should the President fail to action a bill within ten working days of its receipt, the bill shall take effect without his/her signature.
p. The term of office for the Student Government President shall begin June 1st, and shall end May 31st of the following year. If the Student Government President will be absent for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, the Student Government Vice President will become the Student Government President Pro-tempore. A termination of duties date will be set at the same meeting following the two-thirds approval by the Student Senate. Notification of a desired leave of absence must be provided in advance whenever possible.

SECTION 4

The Student Government President cannot veto any constitutional amendment, amendments to the by-laws, resolutions, or measures approved in initiatives and general elections.

SECTION 5
The duties and powers of the Student Government Vice President shall include but not be limited to:

a. Succeeding the Student Government President in case of resignation, removal from office or incapacitation. Incapacitation will be defined as follows: to make legally ineligible; disqualify. If the Student Government President will be absent for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, the Student Government Vice President will become the Student Government President Pro-tempore.

b. The Student Government Vice President has the duty of appointing the Chairpersons for all standing committees in the Student Senate and any ad hoc committees created in the Student Senate, which shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.

c. Assisting the Student Government President with his/her assigned duties.

d. Presiding over meetings and serving as parliamentarian in the absence of the Speaker of the Senate, whose duties are described in Article III, Section 5.

e. Managing all operations of the Student Government Association as assigned by the Student Government President.

f. The term of office for the Student Government Vice President shall begin June 1st, and shall end May 31st of the following year. If the Student Government Vice President will be absent for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, a Student Government Vice President Pro-tempore will be elected. In such case, an open nomination process followed by a two/thirds Student Senate approval will choose the Student Government Vice President Pro-Tempore. A termination of duties date will be set at the same meeting following the two/thirds approval by the Student Senate. Notification of a desired leave of absence must be provided in advance whenever possible.

SECTION 6

A draft of the Student Government Association budget for the upcoming semester shall be prepared by the Student Government President and Vice President and be presented to the Senate by the second meeting of the Student Government Association and should be approved by the third meeting of the Student Government Association of the respective semester. Throughout the year, any additional expenditures exceeding 1.0 % of the accessible SGA budget at that exact date in time with the current budget shall also be presented to the Senate for approval by simple majority. All powers, including legislative and spending of any unused budget, will be vested in the executive branch during the summer sessions.

SECTION 7

Any individual holding an office or an appointed position who graduates in the Fall semester may retain all rights and privileges bestowed upon them through the following Spring semester with the following conditions: If they are enrolled during the following
Spring semester or actively seeking enrollment for the following Fall semester, as a graduate or post baccalaureate student, and if they are actively seeking re-election in an office or if they are seeking other appointed positions in the Student Government Association for the following Fall.

ARTICLE III LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1

All legislative powers shall be vested in the Student Government Association Student Senate.

SECTION 2

The Student Senate shall be composed of members elected every year by the students of every college, and the students of the freshman, sophomore, junior, senior and graduate classes. At least two senators will be elected to represent students in all colleges. In addition to at least two senators representing students in all colleges, one senator per 500 students will be elected for the freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate classes and at 501 another senator will be included. Two senators will represent international students and two representatives for student housing will also be partitioned. All students are eligible to serve as a senator for their class provided they fulfill Article VII, Section 2. All senators will have full voting power.

SECTION 3

The duties and the powers of the Senate shall include but not be limited to:

a. Enacting all measures necessary and proper for the general welfare of the student body of in accordance with this constitution.

b. Establishing by-laws, which are necessary for the proper functioning of the Student Government Association and the Student Senate with a majority vote of the membership.

c. Calling a general referendum of the student body in order to consider proposed legislation. The results of the general referendum shall be presented to the Student Government President to be enacted.

d. Confirming all individuals appointed to committees by the Student Government President.

e. Overriding the veto of the Student Government President by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present.
f. Approving all appropriations requests made by the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch of the Student Government Association.
g. Approving all Student Senate seats.
h. Maintaining the office of student government. All Senators are required to be present for a minimum of one hour per week during regular business hours.

**SECTION 4**

The Student Senate shall have the authority to create and appoint all Senate offices and committees necessary to represent the student body. Before any such appointment shall be made, the Student Senate shall confer first with the Executive branch with their decision to create and appoint all Senate offices or committees. In the event of any discord arising between the Executive branch and the Student Senate, upon a favorable decision for the Senate by the Judicial Board, the Student Senate, upon a two-thirds vote, will have the executive authority to create and appoint any Senate offices or committees. If the executive branch is in absentia, the Speaker of the Senate may administer the Oath of Office to any newly elected Senate officers, Committee Chairpersons or Co-Chairs.

**SECTION 5**

A Speaker of the Senate shall be elected by the Senate within the first quarter of every fall semester. Elections shall consist of an open nomination process, and the Speaker shall be elected by a two thirds vote. In the event of resignation, removal from office, or incapacitation, a new Speaker of the Senate shall be elected by similar means. In the case that the newly elected individual was serving as a Senator, he or she shall vacate any positions associated with Student Government, and appropriate action shall be taken to fill any vacancies. The Speaker of the Senate shall serve as parliamentarian for the Senate, and as such will be denied the ability to cast a vote during Senatorial proceedings. The Speaker shall also remain neutral while facilitating discussion. The duties and powers of the Speaker of the Senate shall include but not be limited to:

a. Preside at meetings and oversee parliamentary procedure as detailed by the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.
b. Serve as the liaison between the Student Senate and the Executive Branch.

**SECTION 6**

Any senator who graduates in the Fall semester may retain all rights and privileges bestowed upon them through the following Spring semester with the following conditions: If they are enrolled during the following Spring semester or actively seeking enrollment for the following Fall semester as a graduate or post baccalaureate student, and if they are actively seeking reelection in an office or other appointed positions in the Student Government Association for the following Fall.
ARTICLE IV JUDICIAL BOARD

SECTION 1
All judicial powers shall be vested in the Judicial Board.

SECTION 2
The Judicial Board shall be made up of currently enrolled students. To be appointed Chief Justice, a student must be able to serve a full one year term. The term of office for the Student Government Chief Justice shall begin June 1st, and shall end May 31st of the following year. The succeeding Chief Justice will be jointly appointed by the incumbent Student Government President, with the incumbent Chief Justice, and the succeeding Student Government President at the end of the spring semester. The succeeding Student Government President and succeeding Chief Justice shall jointly nominate up to four associate justices, as they are required. The succeeding Chief Justice will make the appointments. All appointments shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.

SECTION 3
The number of justices serving on the Judicial Board during summer sessions I and II shall be three (one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices). The number of justices serving on the Judicial Board during the fall and spring semesters shall be five (one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices). Each justice of the Judicial Board may serve up to a one-year term beginning with summer session I and ending at the conclusion of the following spring semester. Justices seeking a second or subsequent terms may do so upon nomination and appointment made by the Chief Justice.

An Associate Justice can serve during summer session I and II and complete their summer terms as an Associate, or an Associate Justice can serve during summer session I and II and continue to serve throughout the fall and spring, upon the approval of the Chief Justice following the summer sessions. Justices serving on the Judicial Board who retire at the end of summer session II or graduate at the end of the fall semester will be replaced by nominees made and appointed by the Chief Justice. All appointments shall require the approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate.

SECTION 4
The duties and powers of the Judicial Board shall include but not be limited to:

a. Certifying or rejecting any and/or all races, referendum issues, and other issues voted on by the general student population. Official results must be certified within two class days of such elections or referendum, by a majority of the Judicial Board, unless
approved a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate, only for matter of review and/or hearing
b. Hearing all appeals of parking violation received on the campus
c. Hearing all cases involving a dispute over the constitution and the by-laws of the Student Government Association and all legislation enacted by the Student Senate.
d. Hearing all appeals of Library fines.
e. Hearing on other matters that may be brought to the Student Government Judicial Board.
f. Hearing all impeachment proceedings.

SECTION 5

The duties and powers of the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board shall include, but not limited to:
a. Act as the sole contact from the Judicial Board to the University Police Department and the Library Officials regarding the appropriate appeals.
b. Presiding over the Judicial Board and set all meeting times and locations, such that a majority will be in attendance.
c. Presiding over Judicial Board hearings.

SECTION 6

All Judicial Board hearings shall be directed by the Chief Justice and should consist of the Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, when occurring during the summer sessions, and should consist of the Chief Justice and four Associate Justices when occurring during the fall and spring. Judicial Board hearing will not be conducted without the Chief Justice presiding, but in the interest of efficiency and timeliness, a hearing may be conducted when two or fewer Associate Justices are in absentia. In the event the Chief Justice is in absentia for a period of no less than two weeks and no more than twelve weeks, a Chief Justice pro tempore will be appointed by the Chief Justice from the Associate Justices, who will preside over the remaining Associate Justices.

In the event that fewer then three Justices comprise the Judicial Board during the summer sessions, additional Justices may be appointed by the Chief Justice, pending approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate. Their term will end at the end of the second Summer Semester. In the event that fewer then five Justices comprise the Judicial Board during the fall and spring semesters, additional Justices may be appointed by the Chief Justice, pending approval by a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate. Their term will end at the end of the spring semester. Justices seeking a second or subsequent terms may do so upon nomination and appointment made by the Chief Justice.

SECTION 7
Should the Chief Justice be involved with matters of a hearing, the Student Government Senate shall nominate and appoint one member from the Student Senate to preside over the Board for the duration of the hearing. In the event that both the Chief Justice and an individual(s) from either the Executive branch or Student Senate are involved with the matter, a Chief Justice pro-tempore shall be appointed from the remaining Justices by a majority vote of the Senate. The Chief Justice pro-tempore shall serve until the respective matter has been resolved.

**ARTICLE V STUDENT BODY PETITION**

**SECTION 1**

The student body shall have the power to enact measures independent of the Student Senate through a referendum petition. A referendum petition must contain the signatures of ten percent of the concerned college, class or the student body. A referendum must then be held within another fourteen days. It is then the duty of the Student Government President to implement the results of the referendum.

**ARTICLE VI STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1**

Elections for Student Government President and Vice President and Student Senate shall be held in the spring of each year, upon dates to be decided on a timely manner. The Student Government Vice President or an Election Committee appointed by the Student Government Vice President and approved by the Student Senate, will declare a date for the fall freshmen elections, regular, or special elections. Once the fall elections have taken place, a vacant or vacated seat shall be filled by special election or by appointment. The Student Senate shall vote on holding a special election or appointing a new senator with a two-thirds vote of members present.

**SECTION 2**

In the event of or a tie in any Senate elections, a special election shall be held to break the election tie upon approval by the Student Senate. The Chairperson of the Election Committee shall initiate this special election during any semester or session. The Student Government President shall appoint a Special Election Committee, pending approval by the Student Senate, to administer this election process.

**ARTICLE VII STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP**
SECTION 1

Membership in the Student Government Association shall be open to all students officially enrolled at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The Student Government Association shall not discriminate either in favor of or against any student on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.

SECTION 2

All students running for office in the Student Government Association must be currently enrolled and have no less than a 2.5 GPA. If the student has not yet established a GPA with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, then the student’s GPA will be reviewed as soon as it is established. The Student Government Advisor shall review the GPAs of all candidates. Terms of membership shall begin the first day of the academic calendar starting Summer Session I and shall end the following academic calendar year on the day prior to the Summer Session I.

SECTION 3

Students elected to a position shall have the period until the Official Swearing-In Ceremony to accept or deny their positions. Students not meeting the required GPA after the spring semester shall have both Summer Sessions to achieve such.

ARTICLE VIII IMPEACHMENT PROCESS

SECTION 1

Any student or Senate member shall have the right to initiate impeachment proceedings in the form of an inquiry against elected or appointed Student Government official. The Student Senate shall decide if the charges are valid with a two-thirds vote. Once the Student Senate validates formal charges the impeachment proceedings will begin. After the Student Senate validates charges for impeachment, a maximum of four weeks will be authorized for an impeachment hearing. If more time is needed, the request must be made to the Student Senate for a majority vote.

SECTION 2

Grounds for investigating impeachment charges shall include but are not limited to:

a. Violating Student Code of Conduct.
b. Any unethical conduct as determined by the Student Senate.
c. Missing a set number of meetings in the by-laws.
d. Failure to maintain a 2.5 GPA.
e. Failure to maintain or complete duties described herein the Constitution.

SECTION 3

Any charges against a Student Government Official will not affect their duties as an officer unless they are found responsible.

SECTION 4

The Chief Justice of the Student Government Association Judicial Board has the duty of presiding over the Judicial Board, which shall be empowered to conduct the impeachment hearing. In the event that the impeachment proceedings are directed toward the Chief Justice, then the Associate Justice’s shall nominate one of their own as the Chief Justice pro tempore, who shall preside over the remaining Judicial Board.

SECTION 5

After the hearing, the Judicial Board shall present to the Student Senate their findings and recommendations. If the decision is to remove the official from office, the Chief Justice shall present the impeachment package to the Student Senate for a vote.

ARTICLE IX CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

Should the Student Senate deem it necessary to amend the constitution, a Senator shall present an amendment to the Student Senate, in resolution form for endorsement by a two-third vote. For ratification, the student body in a general election must approve the amendment by a majority vote.

SECTION 2

Once the Student Senate has endorsed an amendment and the student body has ratified the amendment, it should be incorporated into the constitution in the appropriate section.

SECTION 3

This constitution provides for the creation of the by-laws necessary to carry out the duties specified within the Student Government Association Constitution. The by-laws should appear immediately following the constitution at all times. The by-laws may be amended
by a majority vote of the voting members of the Student Senate, without the need for a referendum vote by the general student population.

SECTION 4

Any proposed amendments, together with the parts affected within the constitution, shall be published and presented to the student body in any media form deemed necessary by the Constitution Committee, a minimum of two weeks before the student body votes upon the amendments.

SECTION 5

All previous constitutions are null and void.

SECTION 6

This Student Government Association Constitution stands approved by the student body as of (4-10-2006)

BY-LAWS

These by-laws are necessary to carry out the duties specified within the Student Government Association constitution.

ELECTION CODE

SECTION 1

For the purpose of determining when the number of class senators shall be counted, as specified in the constitution, the number of senator positions for sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate classes shall be taken on the twelfth class day of the spring semester. In the fall semester, counts of all classes shall be taken on the first class day to determine the preliminary number of senator positions available. However, the official number of representatives for all these classes shall be determined on the twelfth class day of the fall semester.

SECTION 2

Candidates within three (3) credit hours of qualifying for an elected office in the spring semester and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 may run for that office given that the
candidate commits to attending summer school to complete classification criteria. When such an instance should occur, it must be brought to the attention of the Student Government President and Advisor; and the candidate will address the necessary actions to complete the classification criteria.

SECTION 3

The Student Government President and Student Government Advisor will re-evaluate the GPA and classification of each elected Student Government member prior to the first Student Government meeting of the spring semester.

SECTION 4

The following Election Code of Ethics will apply to all Student Government Association Elections:
Any candidate running for office cannot be affiliated in any manner with the Election Committee and/or the Judicial Board. This includes but is not limited to counting ballots or certifying the election.
Any student on the Election Committee cannot campaign for a candidate.
A candidate, or any student affiliated with him/her, may not put up campaign material in unauthorized areas.
A candidate may not display or distribute campaign material within voting area(s) as defined by the election committee.
All banners in the University Center must be removed by the day of the election.
A candidate or anyone affiliated with the candidate may not take down, cover, mark, tear, or deface in any manner another candidate’s campaign material.

SECTION 5

The following additional requirements apply to all Student Government Association President and Vice President Candidates:
Candidates interested in running for the President position must have a minimum of one full academic year experience as an elected or appointed member in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Government Association, or the equivalent leadership experience outside of SGA as deemed appropriate by the elections committee.
Candidates interested in running for the Vice President position must have a minimum of one full academic semester experience as an elected or appointed member in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Government Association, or the equivalent leadership experience outside of SGA as deemed appropriate by the elections committee.
Prospective presidential and vice presidential candidates meeting the requirements must participate in the mentor program as defined by the Elections Committee.
If a Senator or Senate Officer accumulates more than one (1) unexcused absence during one full term of the Senate, then the individual will be removed from his/her position following the second unexcused absence or half absence regardless of the reason.

A. Excused absences will be limited to three (3) per term. Once the third excused absence has been granted then all subsequent absences will be considered unexcused. An excused absence shall be defined as:
   i.) A University excused absence as defined in ‘General Academic Policies and Regulations’ of the University handbook
   ii.) An absence due to a departmentally scheduled exam
   iii.) An absence that the Vice President deems of merit

(1) All absences are to be considered conditionally unexcused. For an excused absence to be granted, the Senator or Senate Officer must show reasonable cause for the absence. The Senator or Senate Officer must present his/her case to the Vice President within (24) hours for a determination of the status of the absence in question, except in cases of extenuating circumstances.
(2) Two (2) roll calls will be taken during the meetings of the Student Senate, after calling the meeting to order and prior to adjournment. Missing both roll calls constitutes as one (1) absence. Missing one (1) roll call will result in a one-half (1/2) absence.

B. Attendance policy is also at the discretion of the President, the Vice President, and the Judicial Board, in the case that the Senator is not fulfilling his/her roles and responsibilities.

Six standing committees shall exist in the Student Senate. Those committees will be the Student Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Computer Services Committee, General Elections Committee, University Traditions Committee, and Constitution Committee. The chairperson of each committee is required to submit a description of the committee’s goals and objectives to be approved by the Senate once the chairperson is appointed.

The Academic Advising Committee will be a temporary committee designed to help create coherent policies that will be in the best interest of the student body. It will consist
of appointed chairperson and voluntary members to work on behalf of the students. The chairperson is charged with the responsibility of creating a proper balance of representation within his/her committee. Specifically, the body should include all of the following: a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, a senior, a graduate student, an arts and humanities major, a business major, a science and technology major, and an education major, thereby ensuring appropriate representation for all segments of the campus community. The Academic Advising Committee will serve at the pleasure of the Student Government until a time when the Student Government deems the committee ready to be dissolved. Dissolution will be achieved with a majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION 4

For all meetings business shall be conducted as follows:
a) The Student Senate Recording Secretary shall take the general minutes of all Student Senate meetings and make them available to the student body.
(b) All meetings shall be open to the public, except for specific meetings called by the Student Government President such as emergency sessions.
(c) A special request may be made by a member of the student body to the Student Government President, Vice-President, or the presiding officer of the Student Senate in order to request an item to be placed on the agenda.
(d) Senators have the right to proxy their vote up to the time of the meeting. At the first meeting of the Student Senate the Student Government Vice-President will determine proxy procedure.

SECTION 5

Special provisions for business may be conducted as follows:
A simple majority of the voting members of the Student Senate present shall constitute a quorum at the meetings.
A simple majority of senators enrolled in the summer session in which the meeting is held shall be present to constitute a quorum at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1

The office of Vice President for Legislative Affairs will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Student Government President. The primary duties of the Vice President of Legislative Affairs will be to assist in developing the legislative agenda for the executive branch, to assist the Student Government Vice President with his/her duties in the Student Senate.

SECTION 2
The office of Vice President for Internal Affairs will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Student Government President. The primary duties of the Vice President of Internal Affairs will be to assist in creating executive committees necessary for the Executive Branch to carry out its duties, to serve as chief public relations officer, and to serve as Chief Counsel for the Executive Branch in hearings before the Judicial Board.

SECTION 3

The executive branch shall appoint a recording secretary/secretaries.

The executive branch shall appoint a parliamentarian/parliamentarians.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 1

In the event that a justice has an appeal they are to remove themselves from any decisions to be made on the appeal. In the event that the Chief Justice has an appeal, the Student Government Vice President will preside over the hearing.

SECTION 2

No individual may hold a Judicial Branch office while holding either an Executive Branch or Legislative Branch office. Individuals may hold appointed positions.
Official Campaign Guidelines

Timeline

- Thursday, March 1st – Applications for running for a Student Government Office are available at Student Government Office
- Friday, March 23rd – Applications for running for a Student Government Office are Due by noon in SGA Office, UC 207
- March 26th through April 3rd – Campaigning Week
- Wednesday and Thursday, April 4th & 5th – Elections

Campaign Events

There are several campaign events that you should plan on attending as a candidate for SGA office:

Mandatory Candidate Meeting

UC 207

All candidates are required to attend this mandatory meeting for an overview of all rules and regulations for candidacy. If you cannot attend this meeting, please call Tiera Wright prior to the meeting to schedule an appointment at 825-5745. If you fail to attend this meeting or schedule an appointment prior to noon on Friday, March 24, you will be disqualified from the election.

Campaign Week

Monday, March 26th until Tuesday, April 3rd

Campus-Wide

Candidates may begin campaigning for office starting on the Monday, March 26. Creativity is encouraged within the election code of ethics, election guidelines and university rules governing campus postings. You may use posters, banners, flyers, sidewalk chalk, leaflets, and other mechanisms to campaign. Anything else must be shown to the election committee and will be at their discretion for approval. However, you MUST remove all of your campaign materials after the elections, excluding banners which must be taken down the day before. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. If you are in doubt about what campaign materials are appropriate, please contact Tiera at 825-5745.

Elections

Wednesday and Thursday, April 4th & 5th

9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

UC Commons

The main voting station will be set up in the UC Commons. On this day, no one can display or distribute any campaign materials or ask people to vote for you within the entire UC. Remind people that they will need their $andDollar$ card to vote.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Newly elected SGA officers will be sworn in at the weekly SGA meeting.

Campaign Rules

Any student that violates election code of ethics, election guidelines, the university’s statement of student rights and responsibilities, the statement of civility, or the posting policies and procedures may be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Proven violations may result in disqualification from the election and/or other sanctions to be determined on a case-by-case basis. The SGA Election Committee is responsible for enforcing campaign rules. The committee will determine which violations shall result in warnings and which will result in disciplinary hearings. The SGA Judicial Board will preside over disciplinary hearings.

Election Code of Ethics (as stated by the SGA Constitution & Bylaws)

- Any candidate running for office cannot be affiliated in any manner with the Election Committee and/or the Judicial Board. This includes but is not limited to counting ballots or certifying the election.
- Any student on the Election Committee cannot campaign for a candidate. It will result in disqualification for the candidate and disciplinary hearing for the Election Committee Member.
- A candidate, or any student affiliated with him/her, may not put up campaign material in unauthorized areas.
- A candidate may not display or distribute campaign material within voting area.
- All banners in the University Center must be removed by the day of the election.
• A candidate or anyone affiliated with the candidate may not take down, cover, mark, tear, or deface in any manner another candidates’ campaign material.

**Election Guidelines (determined by the SGA Election Committee)**

• No clothing, buttons, stickers, hats, sandwich boards or anything that is purposely used as a means to campaign for a candidate will be allowed in the voting area. This does not include items that a voter may bring into the University Center for their own personal use without the intent to distribute (i.e., flyers, candy, or other give-aways). However, if these items are displayed for the viewing by others, then they could be considered as displayed or distributed campaign materials and can subject the candidate to a disciplinary hearing or election warning.

• According to University Center guidelines, no disturbances will be condoned such as loud music, yelling, etc. Violation of this policy may result in the immediate removal of the violator from the building as well as a disciplinary hearing for the candidate. Disturbances will be defined by University Center staff on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Lisa Perez, University Center Director.

• All display and distribution of campaign materials within the University Center must comply with University Center guidelines. Violation of this policy may result in the immediate removal of campaign materials from the building as well as a disciplinary hearing for the candidate. For more information, contact Lisa Perez, University Center Director.

• Complaints against other candidates must be put in writing and submitted to the Election Committee Chair or the SGA Advisor by the end of the election.

• All campaign materials must be removed before campaign winners are announced.

**Statement of Civility**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

**University Posting Policies & Procedures**

Bulletin boards are available on campus to assist with the promotion and publicity of events that may interest the campus community. Postings include posters, flyers, handouts, displays, etc. Because there is limited bulletin board space on campus, certain regulations are enforced to ensure that the boards are used appropriately.

**Recognized Student Organization Postings**

Postings by recognized student organizations may be placed on all bulletin boards throughout the campus (unless otherwise noted on board). All postings must be approved and stamped by the election committee. Postings in the University Center must also be approved and stamped by the UC Information Desk. It is the organization’s responsibility to hang their own postings and take them down after the advertised event. Failure to do so may result in the termination of bulletin board privileges.

**Personal Student Postings**

Personal student postings (including SGA candidates’ campaign materials) must be approved and stamped by the election committee and may be placed on all bulletin boards throughout the campus (unless otherwise noted on bulletin board). Postings in the University Center must be approved and stamped by the UC Information Desk. Personal student postings include flyers advertising personal items for sale, recitals, roommate requests, etc. Postings regarding student-run businesses, bands playing at local clubs, etc., are not considered student postings and should follow the commercial posting regulations.

**Departmental Postings**

Departmental postings may be placed in designated departmental bulletin boards as well as all bulletin boards across campus. If general bulletin boards are used, they must be stamped by the election committee. Postings in the University Center must be approved and stamped by the UC Information Desk.
### Commercial Postings

All external commercial business postings must be reviewed and approved by the Assistant Vice President for University Services. Approved postings may be placed on all bulletin boards throughout the campus (unless otherwise noted on bulletin board).

### General Regulations

- No signage postings on outside buildings are allowed on campus.
- Do not post signs over other postings.
- Use thumbtacks, not staples.
- No postings are allowed on any trashcans, windows, doors, or walls on any building on campus.
- The kiosk outside the Center for the Arts will be dedicated to the theater and fine arts events.
- Each academic department will have a designated bulletin board for postings.
- All postings must have a date, location, time, and name of sponsoring group.
- Special university events will be reviewed on an individual basis to assist in promoting the event.
- Posters and flyers cannot be placed on the windshields of cars parked on campus—including Camden Miramar.
- The removal of the posting is the responsibility of the sponsoring individual/group.

### Flyers & Handbills

- Must be no bigger than 8 ½” x 11”.
- Maximum of two are allowed per bulletin board. However, in order to assure that all candidates can display a flyer, the Election Committee reserves the right to remove a flyer if space on the bulletin board is limited.
- All flyers and handbills must be stamped by the election committee (and the UC if displayed or distributed in the UC). Failure to receive proper approval may result in the removal of campaign promotions. (Note: Get original flyer stamped by election committee and UC before making copies).
- Camden Miramar campaigning will be limited to one flyer per laundry room and lobby. Approval for flyer must be given from election committee and Camden Miramar Club House.
- Doors of dorms and apartments may be decorated pending approval from Camden Miramar.
- ¼ sheets flyers for school mail boxes must be stamped by Student Activities and the election committee; not by the UC downstairs.

### Signs & Banners

- The only outdoor signs that are acceptable are stake signs. Signs on stakes cannot be larger than 24” x 36”.
- Sandwich boards may not be worn in viewing distance of the central voting table.
- All signs, boards and banners must be stamped by the election committee.
- All signs, boards and banners must be removed before campaign winners are announced.
- Indoor signs may be placed in various buildings upon approval from the building’s coordinator. Please turn in the Interior Banner Approval Form to the election committee, University Center 207, after obtaining permission but before posting your sign. A copy of the form is attached to this packet.
- All available banner spaces have been reserved by Student Government for candidates. To request a space, please fill out the attached SGA Candidate Banner Space Reservation Form. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to candidates. Only one space is available per candidate/candidate team. These banners will be removed prior to election day according to the Election Code of Ethics.
- SOC opens at 9am, banner must be length of table in the SOC.
- No window painting is permitted in any building.

### Campaign Buttons, T-Shirts, Hats, Pencils, Candy, Etc.

- All such campaign tactics do not require a stamp, but still must receive approval from the election committee. Candidates should complete the Campaign Promotion Approval form to UC 207 in the SGA office.
- Each Candidate must turn in a sample of what will be passed out to the election committee chair for approval before being distributed.
- T-shirts can be worn during campaign week, but not on election days.
- Each t-shirt seen on election days will result in one election warning per person and/or if a team running for Pres/VP is seen wearing a t-shirt they will each receive one warning. It will be the candidate’s responsibility to tell those wearing their t-shirts, the election guideline rules.
If a written complaint or a violation is witnessed by an election committee member, then a warning will be issued.

Candidates will be notified within two business days if their campaign tactic is approved. A copy of the form is attached to this packet.

Sidewalk Chalk

Sidewalk chalk may be used on any sidewalk on campus, but messages must be approved prior to chalking. Candidates should complete the Sidewalk Chalk Approval Form to the election committee, University Center 207. Candidates will be notified within two business days if their sidewalk message is approved. No paint of any type, including water-based chalk paint, may be used on the sidewalks. Sidewalk space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Candidates may not chalk within two feet (24”) of any other chalking on the sidewalk. All sidewalk chalk must be removed before campaign winners are announced.

Sidewalk chalking cannot be any larger than 6’ x 6’. The exception is smaller squares around campus- and they may not be written outside of.

No chalking on memorials will be allowed (Lee Plaza and Hector P. Garcia)

No chalking on Camden Miramar property will be allowed.

Electronic Campaigning

Absolutely no electronic campaigning will be allowed. This includes but is not limited to, creating websites, emails, and Facebook/Myspace campaigning.

Warning System

The Election Committee has determined that candidates will be allowed up to two warnings prior to being subject to a disciplinary hearing in the following situations:

- Violating campaign rules of campaigning in the UC and other voting areas while displaying or distributing campaign materials.
- Posting signs, banners, stake signs, etc. that exceed the size limitation
- Posting campaign materials in prohibited areas
- Missing pre-scheduled campaign events without authorization.
- Distribution or display of unapproved flyers, banners, handbills, stake signs, sidewalk chalking, etc.
- Display or distribution of unapproved campaign promotions (i.e., t-shirts, hats, buttons, etc.).
- Violation of UC guidelines.
- Organized campaigning prior to scheduled campaign week (verbal campaigning is acceptable).
- Malicious slandering of competing candidates.
- Other violations per Election Committee discretion.

Once a third warning is issued, it will result in disqualification from the election.

PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING, ASK FIRST! Proven violations may result in disqualification from the election and/or other sanctions to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Please direct all questions regarding these guidelines to Tiera Wright at 825-5745, Tiera.Wright@mail.tamucc.edu or come by UC 207.
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# Committees

## Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee serves as the liaison between students and the administration and faculty concerning academic policies and issues. This committee seeks opportunities to make the administration and faculty better aware of areas concerning the student body that might hinder the learning process, and suggest solutions for improvement in student achievement. Projects are often worked on simultaneously with other SGA committees.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- First Year Programming
- Project Major Programs
- Professor Evaluations
- Transfer/Non-Traditional/Freshmen Student Orientations
- Barnes and Noble bookstore concerns
- Academic Advising

## Bell Library Committee

The Library Committee is devoted to improving the Bell Library's resources and environment with the help of University Administrators and input from the student body. Projects are often worked on simultaneously with other SGA committees.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Databases and Resources
- Textbook Reservations (with Academic Affairs)
- Interlibrary Loans
- Wireless Internet in Group Study rooms
- Library Hours
- Bathroom conditions
- Library Directory

## Computer Services Committee

The Computer Services Committee is in charge of keeping the University and its students informed with new technology as well as informing students of the resources they have access to on campus. Projects are often worked on simultaneously with other SGA committees.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Student Computer Discounts
- Library Laptop Usage
- Improved Technology on Campus
- Spread Sanddollar usage
- University website Structure
- University-wide software
- TAMUCC “Pick-A-Prof” site
## Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Government Association is responsible for revision of the by-laws as deemed necessary by the Senate. Constitutional amendments must be reviewed in this committee before being brought in front of the Senate. The Committee works with the Judicial Board in regards to any and all constitutional amendments.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Rewriting portions of the Constitution
- Making Amendments are necessary
- By-Laws changes

## General Election Committee

The Election Committee is a group of students who revise and enforce the election rule guidelines during any Student Government Association elections.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Upholding election Fairness
- Executive/Legislative/Judicial expectations
- SGA Campaigning rules

## Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee serves to promote good relations between the TAMUCC-SGA and the Corpus Christi community. This committee will take an active role in promoting SGA events to the Students of TAMUCC as well as to the campus community. Public Relations is responsible for overseeing and gathering student input, as well as correlate with other committees in the aspects of promoting and coordinating events sponsored by Student Government.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- “Rock to Vote” Campaign
- Texas State Student Association
- Community Service project planning
- SGA Awareness/Advertising
- Event promotions
- Stress Packs
- Suggestion Box upkeep
- TriFold Board/Promotional Items
## Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee works on concerns that students have on campus. The committee’s job is to find the areas that students need help or assistance so that the students can feel as though his/her concern are being heard. Also, this Committee meets with different departments on campus so that there is student input on a particular issue or concern.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Camden Miramar
- Field house issues
- Financial aid
- Disability Precautions
- Recycling
- Transfer/Non-Traditional/Freshmen Student Orientations
- Childcare
- Sanddollar expansion
- University Police issues

## University Traditions Committee

The University Traditions Committee is always hard at work, whether creating new traditions or keeping the old ones alive for future generations to enjoy. This committee plays a significant role in planning Homecoming and various other University events as well as taking part in introducing new traditions.

**EXAMPLES OF ISSUES ARE:**

- Homecoming Activities
- FryDay Fiesta
- Paint the Island Pink
- Pie the Professor
- Banner Contests
- Islander Tribute
- September 11th Memorial Ribbons