CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, in order to establish, maintain, and insure self-government in student affairs and full consideration in all other areas of the academic and non-academic operations of our University, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Oshkosh Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, hereinafter known as OSA.

Article II
MEMBERSHIP

All students currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh shall be members of OSA.

Article III
RESPONSIBLITIES

OSA, as the constitutionally recognized voice of the student body, shall have primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interest at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. All rights, privileges, and protections will be provided to all members of OSA, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 36.05(5). The student body reserves to itself the power to initiate legislation in the Student Senate and the Student Assembly, to review all constitutional amendments, and to recall any official of OSA. All members of OSA shall be free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical ability, marital status, national origin, political ideology, or age.

Article IV
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

All legislative powers granted herein shall be vested in the Student Senate, hereinafter known as the Senate, as the upper house, and the Student Assembly, hereinafter known as the Assembly, as the lower house.

Section 1 - Senate

A. Membership

The membership of the Senate shall include twenty-five (25) Senators elected by and from the student body. These twenty-five (25) Senators shall be allotted proportionately to the Colleges of Letters and Science, Education and Human Services, Nursing, and Business Administration based on the proportion of

students enrolled within each college, to be established by the Senate in accordance with the Election Bylaws. No Senator may serve in the Assembly. The Senate may appoint, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, such Associate Senators as it deems necessary.

B. Tenure

A Senator shall be elected by a plurality vote in an all-campus election by the voters according to their declared majors; if the seat of a Senator shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment in the University, impeachment, or otherwise, the president shall appoint a new Senator from the college where the vacancy occurred. A Senator shall serve from the date of his/her election or appointment until the next all-campus senatorial election.

C. Powers and duties

The powers and duties of the Senate shall be:

1. To serve as the official voice of the student body;
2. To grant or withdraw official recognition for each student organization which seeks or holds such recognition and to grant or withdraw voting power of these organizations in the Assembly;
3. To oversee and approve all campus elections and referenda.
4. To establish standing and special committees of the Senate.
5. To have power to override a Presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present;
6. To establish the Senate Bylaws and rules of proceedings;
7. To elect a Vice President Pro-Tempore from among its voting membership;
8. To approve the OSA budget;
9. To serve a minimum of two (2) office hours per week either in the OSA office or in a manner otherwise approved by the OSA Vice President;
10. To serve on a minimum of two (2) OSA affiliated committees and report on the proceedings of those committees.
11. To enact all legislation, which shall be necessary and proper to execute and enforce the foregoing and all other powers, vested by this constitution in OSA or in any department or office thereof.
12. To self appoint within membership all Senators to the Joint Legislative Committee.

Section 2 - Assembly

A. Membership

The Assembly Representative shall include one student from each organization recognized by the Senate. A student member of the Assembly shall serve at the pleasure of his/her respective organization. No student member of the Assembly may serve as a Senator.

B. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Assembly shall be:

1. To improve communications among the member organizations;
2. To originate legislation and make recommendations to the Senate and the President;
3. To establish the Assembly Bylaws and rules of proceedings;
4. To establish standing and special committees of the Assembly;
5. To elect a Speaker of the Assembly from among its membership;
6. To elect a Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Assembly from among its membership.
7. To self appoint within membership all Assembly Representatives to the Joint Legislative Committee.

Section 3 - Joint Legislation

All orders, resolutions, or votes of either house to which the concurrence of both houses may be necessary shall be known as joint legislation.

A. Original Senate Legislation

All legislation originated in and passed by the Senate, except that which deals with procedural affairs of the Senate or Senate Bylaws, shall be presented to the Assembly for approval. Senate legislation which is not defeated by a simple majority vote of the Assembly taken within ten (10) class days following its passage in the Senate shall be sent to the President for his/her signature. Senate legislation that is defeated by a simple majority vote of the Assembly, at the request of the sponsor, shall be sent to the Joint Legislation Committee.

B. Original Assembly Legislation

All legislation originated in and passed by the Assembly, except that which deals with procedural affairs of the Assembly or Assembly Bylaws, shall be presented to the Senate for approval. Assembly legislation which is not defeated by a simple majority vote of the Senate taken within ten (10) class days following its passage in the Assembly shall be sent to the President for his/her signature. Senate legislation that is defeated by a simple majority vote of the assembly, at the request of the sponsor, shall be sent to the Joint Legislation Committee.

C. Powers and Duties Common to the Senate and Assembly

The powers and duties common to the Senate and Assembly shall be:

1. To confirm all Presidential appointments as empowered by this constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and Assembly.

D. Execution of Joint Legislation

After clearing both houses, all joint legislation shall be presented to the President for his/her action. All joint legislation shall take effective immediately upon receiving the President's signature or five (5) class days following its clearance of both houses if the President fails to act within that time. If the President vetoes such legislation, the veto message, including any comments the President may make, shall be presented to the Senate, and the Senate may override the veto by a

two-thirds (2/3) vote. The Senate may not take more than ten (10) class days following the presentation of the veto message.

E. Joint Legislation Committee

1. *Membership*

   Membership of this committee shall include:

   a. Two (2) Senators,
   b. Two (2) Assembly Representatives
   c. One (1) chair appointed by the President, approved by the Senate and Assembly who is not a member of the Legislative Branch.

2. *Powers and duties*

   Powers and duties of the Joint Legislation Committee shall be:

   a. To deal with legislation given to them by either the Senate or Assembly;
   b. To present their report to the Senate and Assembly for action.

Article V
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 - President

A. Qualifications

The President of OSA shall have completed, prior to his/her candidacy not less than twenty-four (24) college credits at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh and shall have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 for these credits. The President shall maintain a 2.50 grade point average while in office. The President may not serve as a president or vice-president of any organization, activity, or interest group, except United Council, during his/her term of office. The president may not serve as a state, local or county elected official while in office.

B. Tenure and Succession

The President shall be elected by a plurality vote in an all-campus election for a term of one (1) year as defined in the Election Bylaws, this term shall end when the next duly elected President assumes office. If the office of the President shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the President for the remainder of the President's term.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the President shall be:

1. To serve as the official representative of the student body.
2. To appoint or hire such staff as he/she deems necessary to carry out the executive functions.
3. To appoint, with the consent of the Senate and Assembly, the student members of all student-faculty, OSA, and University committees.
4. To serve as an Associate Senator and Associate Assembly Representative.
5. To require reports of any nature of any branch or executive officer of OSA.
6. To delegate any of the above powers to any executive department or agency at his/her discretion.
7. To sign or veto all joint legislation within five (5) class days of its clearance of both houses.
8. To chair all meetings of the Executive Board and to have one vote at these meetings.
9. To prepare the Executive Budget of OSA.
10. To serve a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week.
11. To have other executive powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this constitution.

Section 2 - Vice President

A. Qualifications

The Vice President of OSA shall have completed, prior to his/her candidacy, not less than fifteen (15) college credits at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, maintaining a 2.50 grade point average for these credits. The Vice President shall maintain a 2.50 grade point average while in office. The Vice President may not serve as a president or vice-president of any organization, activity, or interest group, except United Council, during his/her term of office. The vice-president may not serve as a state, local or county elected official while in office.

B. Tenure and Succession

1. The Vice President shall be elected by a plurality vote in an all-campus election, held simultaneously with the election for President, for a term of one (1) year as defined in the Election Bylaws. The Senate shall elect a Vice President Pro-Tempore at the beginning of its term from amongst its membership who shall chair meetings of the Senate in the absence of the Vice President. If the office of Vice President shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, the Vice President Pro-Tempore shall temporarily assume the duties of the Vice President. The President shall appoint, with approval of the Senate and Assembly, a person to assume the Vice Presidential position within (10) class days of the vacancy.
2. If the offices of both the President and Vice President are vacant simultaneously, the Vice President Pro-Tempore shall temporarily assume both offices, and the Senate shall sponsor a special all-campus election within four (4) weeks after the date of these vacancies to fill both offices for the remainder of the term. If less than two (2) academic months remain, the Vice President Pro-Tempore shall become President and the Speaker of the Assembly shall become Vice President, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall become Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate and Assembly shall elect new persons to the vacated offices respectively.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Vice President shall be:

1. To chair all meetings of the Senate.
2. To appoint, with consent of the Senate, the members of all standing and special committees of the Senate.
3. To serve as an Associate Senator and Associate Assembly Representative.
4. To assist the President.
5. To call special meetings of the Senate on his/her own initiative, at the request of the President, or at the call of simple majority of the Senate.
6. To prepare the agenda for the Senate meetings.
7. To serve a minimum of fifteen office hours per week.

Section 3 –Vice President Pro Tempore

A. Qualifications

The Vice President Pro Tempore of OSA shall have completed, prior to his/her candidacy, not less than fifteen (15) college credits at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, maintaining a 2.50 grade point average for these credits. The Vice President Pro Tempore shall maintain a 2.50 grade point average while in office. The Vice President Pro Tempore may not serve as a state, local, or county elected official while in office.

B. Tenure and Succession

1. The Senate shall elect a Vice President Pro Tempore at the beginning of its term from among its membership according to the Election Bylaws. If the office of Vice President shall be vacated in resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, the Vice President Pro Tempore shall temporarily assume the duties of the Vice President.
2. If the offices of both the President and Vice President are vacant simultaneously, the Vice President Pro Tempore shall temporarily assume both offices, and the Senate shall sponsor a special all campus election within four (4) weeks after the date of these vacancies to fill both offices for the remainder of the term. If less than two (2) academic months remain, the Vice President Pro Tempore shall become President and the Speaker of the Assembly shall become the Vice President, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall become Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate and Assembly shall elect new persons to the vacated offices respectively.
3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President Pro Tempore through resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, a new election shall be held immediately upon his/her vacancy.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Vice President Pro Tempore shall be:

1. To temporarily assume the powers of Vice President in the absence of the Vice President.
2. To accurately record and coordinate the activities of all of the student appointments to student-faculty, OSA, University, and Senate committees.
3. To continue the powers and duties of Senator.
4. To serve as an Associate Assembly Representative.
5. To assist the President and Vice President.
6. To serve a minimum of six (6) hours per week.

Section 4- Speaker of the Assembly

A. Qualifications

The Speaker of the Assembly shall have completed, prior to his/her candidacy, not less than fifteen (15) college credits at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. The Speaker of the Assembly shall have earned a 2.50 grade point average and shall maintain that grade point average while in office. The Speaker of the Assembly may not serve as a state, local or county elected official while in office.

B. Tenure and Succession

1. The Speaker of the Assembly shall be elected by the Assembly at the beginning of its term from among its membership according to the Assembly Bylaws. If the office of Speaker of the Assembly shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the Speaker for the remainder of the Speaker's term.
2. If the offices of both the President and Vice President are vacant simultaneously, the Vice President Pro Tempore shall temporarily assume both offices, and the Senate shall sponsor a special all-campus election within four (4) weeks after the date of these vacancies to fill both offices for the remainder, the Vice President Pro Tempore shall become President and the Speaker of the Assembly shall become the Vice President, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall become Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate and Assembly shall elect new persons to the vacated offices respectively.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Speaker of the Assembly shall be:

1. To chair all meetings of the Assembly.
2. To appoint, with consent of the Assembly, the members of all standing and special committees of the Assembly.
3. To serve as an Associate Senator and Associate Assembly Representative.
4. To call special meetings of the assembly on his/her one (1) initiative, at the request of the President, or at the call of a simple majority of the Assembly.
5. To prepare the agenda for the Assembly meetings.
6. To serve a minimum of ten (10) hours per week.

Section 4- Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly

A. Qualifications

The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly of OSA shall have completed, prior to his/her candidacy, not less than fifteen (15) college credits at the University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall have earned a 2.50 grade point average and shall maintain that grade point average while in office. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly may not serve as a state, local, or county elected official while in office.

B. Tenure and Succession

1. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall be elected by the Assembly at the beginning of its term from among its membership according to the Election Bylaws. If the office of Speaker of the Assembly shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall succeed to the office of the Speaker of the Assembly for the remainder of the Speaker's term.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly through resignation, academic probation, non-enrollment in the University, failure to maintain a grade point average of 2.50 while in office, impeachment, or otherwise, a new election shall be held immediately upon his/her vacancy.

A. Powers and Duties

The Powers and duties of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly shall be:

1. To temporarily assume the powers of the Speaker of the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker of the Assembly.
2. To maintain accurate records of all student organizations and student clubs.
3. To accurately record and coordinate the activities of Assembly committees.
4. To continue the powers and duties of Assembly Representative.
5. To serve as an Associate Senator.
6. To assist the Speaker of the Assembly.
7. To serve a minimum of four (4) hours per week.

Section 5 - Executive Boards

A. Membership of the Campus-Wide Executive Board

The membership of the campus-wide Executive Board shall include the Executive members of the OSA, United Students in Residence Halls, Reeve Union Board, Multicultural Education Coalition, and Reeve Advisory Council.

B. Membership of the OSA Executive Board

Membership shall consist of the President, Vice President, Vice President Pro Tempore, Speaker of the Assembly, and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Executive Boards shall be:

1. To provide a general direction for the affairs of the student body.
2. Only the OSA Executive Board may act on behalf of OSA in cases of emergency, subject to review and ratification by the Senate and Assembly as a special order of business at their next meeting.

Article VI

JUDICIAL

Section 1- OSA Judiciary Committee

A. Purpose

The OSA Judiciary Committee shall convene after a written request that outlines the complaint is received from an OSA member, to investigate and to factually report on the allegations to the Senate and Assembly for appropriate action within ten (10) class days of receiving the complaint.

B. Membership of the OSA Judiciary Committee

The OSA Judiciary Committee shall consist of three (3) voting OSA members and three (3) alternates (also members of OSA). They shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and approved by the OSA Senate and Assembly at the beginning of the OSA Administrative year for a term of one year. If the Judiciary Committee shall convene, no voting member of the Judiciary Committee may be the subject of the complaint.

C. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the OSA Judiciary Committee shall be:

1. To investigate the allegations presented in the written request
2. To compile a factual report to be presented to the Senate and Assembly

Section 2- Impeachment

An impeachment, if passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both the Senate and Assembly; will result in the immediate removal from office for failure to carry out the duties or abuse of powers provided by this constitution. An impeachment hearing in the Senate will be scheduled as the next regular meeting after the OSA Judiciary Committee has completed an investigation and a report to the Senate and Assembly. The Senate and Assembly may vote to impeach at the next regular meeting after the hearing. A motion to impeach may not occur within the final two (2) months of the academic year.

Article VII
PROCEDURES TO AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1

Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be accepted for consideration by the Senate and Assembly by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate and Assembly by the provisions for the initiative.

Section 2

Proposed amendments approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and Assembly shall be ratified and become part of this constitution upon receiving an affirmative vote of the members of OSA voting on the proposed amendment in an all campus student referendum.

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