MGA Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution

Article I: Senator Qualifications

A. SGA shall consist of a maximum of 25 students (24 senators and one president)
B. Within the first two weeks of the fall semester, students who wish to be senators must
   1. Collect 50 signatures in support of their candidacy
   2. Submit an application to student life
C. Senators must
   1. Have at least a 2.5 institutional GPA
   2. Be currently enrolled in at least six credit hours
   3. Maintain a clear record of student conduct

Article II: Voting Process

A. Students from all five campuses shall be allowed to vote during the third week of school
B. Each student who has met the qualifications in section B and C of Article I shall be on the ballot
C. Students shall only be identified on the ballot by:
   1. First, middle, and last name
   2. Nickname (if applicable)
   3. Incumbency status
D. No student shall be identified on the ballot by their campus, GPA, major, or any other
   information not listed in Article II, section C

Article III: Election Process

A. The three candidates from each campus with the most votes shall be senators automatically.
   Thus, each campus shall have at least three senators.
B. The remaining top nine vote earners shall become senators, regardless of which campus they
   attend. Thus, as long as at least three students from each campus run, no campus may have a
   majority on the senate

Article IV: Senators

A. Senators shall attend a minimum of 75% of meetings each semester or be subject to
   impeachment as outlined in Article X
B. Senators shall maintain the qualifications in Article I, Sections B and C
C. Senators shall represent MGA to the best of their ability both on and off campus
D. Senators shall draft and vote on legislation,
E. Senators shall be eligible to serve on committees

Article V: The Secretary

A. The Secretary shall be elected by the SGA at the first meeting
B. The Secretary shall keep notes and publish minutes for each meeting
C. The Secretary shall be a full voting member of SGA with all the rights and responsibilities of a
   Senator
Article VI: The Treasurer/COA Chair

A. The Treasurer/COA Chair shall be elected by the SGA at the first meeting.
B. The Treasurer/COA Chair shall chair the COA committee
C. The Treasurer shall maintain the SGA budget
D. The Treasurer shall be a full voting member of SGA with all the rights and responsibilities of a Senator

Article VII: The Vice-President

A. The Vice President shall be elected by the SGA at the first meeting
B. The Vice-President shall assist the President
C. If the President cannot attend a meeting, the Vice-President shall fill in on his/her behalf
D. The Vice-President shall be a full voting member of SGA, with all the rights and responsibilities of a Senator
E. When the Vice-President runs a meeting in the absence of the President, s/he assumes the acting position as president and can neither vote nor count towards quorum.

Article VIII: The President

A. The President shall be elected by and from the SGA at the end of the spring semester
B. The President shall serve one term from the end of one spring semester until the election of a new president at end of the next spring
C. The President shall take office as soon as elected
D. The President shall chair the Senate
E. The President shall act as the official representative of SGA to the college administration, the faculty Senate, and the public
F. The President shall not vote, and as such shall not count towards quorum.
G. The president shall vote to break a tie

Article IX: Vacancies

A. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President. The Senate shall vote for a new Vice-President, and the President may appoint one new member to the Senate.
B. If the office of Vice President becomes vacant, the Senate shall elect a new Vice President and the President may appoint one new member to the Senate
C. If the office of Secretary/Treasurer becomes vacant, the Senate shall elect a new Secretary/Treasurer and the President may appoint one new member to the Senate
D. If a position as a Senator becomes vacant, the President may appoint a new Senator from the same campus

Article X: Appointments

A. Senators appointed by the president are subject to the confirmation of the Senate
B. The appointee must be approved by 2/3 of the Senators
C. After appointment and confirmation, the Senator shall have the full rights and responsibilities of a Senator as outlined in Article IV
Article XI: Impeachments

A. If a Senator has missed more than 25% of the meetings during a semester, s/he shall be eligible for impeachment
B. Impeachment procedure shall be governed by the SGA bylaws

Article XII: Amendments

A. Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the Senators

Article XIII: Bylaws

A. The SGA shall create bylaws as it deems necessary
B. These bylaws may be changed by a majority vote

Article XIV: Transparency

A. The time, place, and agenda for all SGA meetings must be published at least two days prior to the meeting
B. All minutes, resolutions, bylaws, and this constitution with any amendments must be posted online in a place easily accessible to students

Article XV: Meeting Governance

A. The meetings shall be governed by the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order
B. The President shall direct the meetings
C. Quorum shall be defined as more than 50% of Senators