



Student Government Association

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Indiana University East, in order to promote student interests, needs and welfare within the University community; to foster relationships between the learners, the faculty, and the administration; to ensure a positive campus environment; to provide for the expression of student opinion and interests to the community at large on issues affecting student life; to provide a unified voice for the Student Body; and to provide a physical and social environment in which to achieve the above objectives in accordance with the educational and cultural standards of the University, do affirm and establish the Constitution of the Students of Indiana University East.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the student government at Indiana University East, hereafter referred to as IUE, shall be "IUE Student Government Association," hereafter referred to as "IUESGA" and "SGA".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of SGA is to promote self government and leadership at IUE and to enhance the educational, social, and cultural experience of the students by:

- Allowing and promoting the expression of students' views and interests,
- Fostering the recognition of student rights and responsibilities,
- Serving as student representatives and advising faculty of the student body including the chancellor, vice chancellors, deans, directors, and professors of the student body,
- Serving as a means by which the students concerns may be voiced,
- Evaluate funding requests made by registered student organizations,
- Assisting in developing programs to enhance the students' experiences and the reputation of the campus
- Providing a mechanism for the enhancement of student activities, and
- Representing the student body in any dealing with other elements of the university and in non-university affairs.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Representatives

A. All registered students of IUE enrolled in one or more credit hours, and only such persons, shall be members of the IUE student body. As members they shall be entitled to vote, to hold office in the Student Government (if qualifications for candidacy are met), and to exercise the various rights and privileges of membership.

B. Three (3) students from each school shall be elected to serve on the Student Government Association. "Schools" refers to all IUE academic schools and the Purdue College of Technology.

Section 2. Vacancy

A. Should a position become vacant within the SGA due to a representative being unable to complete his or her term in office, a representative from that school may be appointed by the dean. Appointment may also occur upon the removal of the member from his or her position by the SGA.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE

Section 1. Names

The officers of the SGA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Term of Office

A. The terms of office of the officers shall be one (1) year from the first Monday after IUE's commencement to the first Monday at noon after commencement the following year.

B. Officers shall be elected by SGA members at the first meeting of the year.

Section 3. Succession

A. Should the office of the President be vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall be successor.

B. Should the office of the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer be vacant for any reason, a replacement shall be elected among the membership.

C. All successions shall be effective until the end of that term.

Section 4. Powers and Duties of the Office of the President

A. The President shall serve as the official head of the SGA, and shall perform all official and social functions pertaining to this office.

B. The President shall create any special committees, which are deemed necessary, with written instruction as to their goal(s), and appoint their Chair. The Chair, working with the President and SGA members, shall be responsible for recruiting a minimum of two (2) members to serve on that committee.

C. The President may require opinions, in writing, of the Chair of each standing or temporary committee on any subject relating to the duties of their respective committees.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election Committee

A. Members shall serve a one (1) year term, which will begin on the first Monday after IUE's commencement to the first Monday at noon after commencement the following year;

B. Members shall not run for office during the current election.

C. The Committee shall have the responsibility for all election campaign procedures.

D. The Committee shall review all reported election and campaign violations and ensure they have been properly filed according to SGA election rules.

E. Results of the Committee's hearings and actions shall be rendered in writing and shall include findings of facts, conclusions, recommendations, and decisions as appropriate.

Section 2. Election Procedures

A. Officers shall be elected in the Spring.

B. Students may be nominated for SGA by students, faculty and staff. Upon acceptance of nominations, candidates' information will be posted online. Student online voting will take place, and the top three in each school receiving the most votes shall represent their school on the SGA.

Section 3. Eligibility for Voting

Any person who is taking one (1) credit hour or more at IUE shall be able to vote during the semester of classes taken.

ARTICLE VI - IMPEACHMENT & REMOVAL

A hearing must be conducted before any vote(s) may be taken.

Section 1.

A. Any elected officer may be removed from office for conviction of a violation of the IUE Student Code of Ethics, a violation of the SGA Constitution, conviction of a felony during their term in office, or dereliction of duty.

B. Articles of Impeachment will be brought before the SGA if and when a petition signed by one third (1/3) of the total SGA members has been presented to the President, together with witnesses and/or verifiable evidence of an offense. Evidence must always accompany the accusation.

C. Impeachment shall be effected upon a two thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership and should the charges be valid, the Officer shall be removed from office immediately.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Proposals to amend this Constitution shall originate by a vote of three fourths (3/4) of the SGA. If this proposal receives a majority of the votes, the Constitution of SGA shall be declared amended.

ARTICLE VIII BYLAWS

Bylaws shall be established to include the rules of the SGA and the duties of the SGA Officers, Members, and Committees.

ARTICLE IX ENACTMENT

This Constitution shall have full force and effect following passage by a majority vote of the SGA by a majority of those voting in a campus-wide election. The Constitution shall supersede and replace all previous SGA Constitutions and Bylaws.

ARTICLE X ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Officer

- A. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the vice president shall be successor.
- B. If the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer is unable to attend a meeting, another officer or member shall be pre-arranged to perform their duties and/or give their report.

Section 2. Membership

- A. Absence will be determined by the failure of the attendance record and roll call votes to show the presence of a member. If a member is shown in the records not to be present for at least half of the roll call votes during a meeting, the member will be counted absent for that meeting.
- B. Upon the recognition of a member absent from three or more meetings per semester, with a written warning given after the second absence, the group as a whole must vote on the circumstances of the member's absence in order to determine if the representative will be removed from the association. The group will have one (1) week to determine the member's consequences.
- C. An unexcused absence can be removed if there is a two-thirds affirmative vote by all persons attending the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum

- A. General meeting quorum shall be defined as a majority of the total membership.
- B. Should quorum not be met, the meeting and/or decision making shall be postponed until a later date.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

Section 1 - Executive Officers Meeting

Regular meetings between Executive Officers shall be held at the discretion of the President, upon a fourteen (14) days notification to the Executive Council. Meeting times will be determined by consensus of the Executive Council.

Section 2 – General Meetings

General Meetings shall be held at least twice a month during the fall and spring academic semesters. Normal meeting times will be determined by the quorum.

Section 3 - Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called with the consensus of the Executive Council or by the Chancellor as deemed necessary. Special meetings requiring the presence of the General Council (Senate) must be preceded by written notification to all members seven (7) days in advance of the meeting date. The agenda must be given to all council members at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Meeting times will be determined by the quorum.

Section 4 – Event Participation

All members must attend two (2) events each academic year.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

- A. The SGA shall have the authority to establish various committees, either standing or ad hoc, at its discretion.
- B. Size and membership of the committees shall be determined by the SGA members.
- C. A chairperson for each committee shall be selected or be appointed by the president to oversee committee business.