

**THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES
OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
AT FREDONIA, NEW YORK**

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PREAMBLE

The students of the State University of New York's College at Fredonia, for the purpose of maintaining effective, representative, and responsible self-governing body, do hereby ordain and establish this Student Association.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c) (3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, or officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, or officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501(h)) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of all necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to organizations that qualify under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government or State or local governments for a public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

In any year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period in such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941(D), (b) retain an excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c), (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under Section 4944, or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: This Student Association shall be officially known as Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia, New York, hereinafter to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All members of the student body at the State University of New York, College at Fredonia, whether they are full-time or part-time, undergraduate, or graduate students, shall become members of the Association upon payment of their student activity fee.

Section 2: The student activity fee may vary for and within their four above named categories of students, as determined through appropriate legislation.

Section 3: Membership in the Association entitles a student to receive the full benefits and privileges available to each Association member.

Section 4: As determined through appropriate legislation, membership benefits and privileges may be granted to persons other than those described in Section 1 above, as long as said benefits and privileges do in no way infringe upon those of the members of the Association. Fees may be charged for such benefits and privileges, as determined through appropriate legislation.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, and Student Comptroller. The President and Vice President shall be elected as a slate by members of the Association in a general election to be held prior to the conclusion of the first semester of the academic year, and shall assume office following the conclusion of Old Business during the first meeting of the Representative Assembly held in the second semester of that academic year. They shall each serve for a term of one (1) year. The Student Comptroller shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Assembly and shall serve to the end of the President's term. The duties of the Executive officers are listed within the E-Statutes of the Association.

Section 2: The Committee of Presidents

- A. There shall be a Committee of Presidents.
- B. All requirements of the Committee of Presidents are stipulated within the E-Statutes of the Student Association.

Section 3: The Presidential Cabinet

- A. Presidential Cabinet shall meet at the request of the President, who shall serve as the chairperson of said meetings. The Presidential Cabinet shall be of an advisory nature.
- B. The permanent members of the Cabinet shall be the Association President and the chairpersons of each of the executive departments.

- C. Other members of the Presidential Cabinet may be appointed at the discretion of the President
- D. All cabinet members must be notified of a meeting time and place.

Section 4: The Executive Board

- A. It shall be the duty of the board to:
 - 1. Improve operations between the Executives of the Student Association.
 - 2. Initiate reforms that will increase effectiveness of the Governmental branches and the Executive Departments.
 - 3. Work closely with all Executives to assist them in the performance of the duties.
 - 4. Insure for the student body, the benefits, information, and services established by the Executives and stipulated in statute.
- B. It shall be the authority of the Executive Board to:
 - 1. Assist in the formation of policies for the Executive Departments
 - 2. Review all departmental reports and approve changes in the Departmental programs.
- C. The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - 1. The President, who shall be the chairperson
 - 2. The Vice-President
 - 3. The Student Comptroller
- D. The Executive Board shall meet weekly to submit reports, discuss and formulate business, advise the other Executives and to carry out to the best of its ability the authority established in this bill.
- E. The Executive Board shall have the responsibility to compose by-laws as is necessary for the performance of its office.

Section 5: Stipends

- A. The President, Vice President, and Student Comptroller shall each receive a stipend. Stipends of the President, Vice President, and Student Comptroller shall not increase during their term in office.

ARTICLE IV: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1: The Speaker of the Assembly

- A. There shall be a Speaker of the Assembly.
- B. All duties and election procedures dealing with the office of the Speaker are outlined in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.

Section 2: The Assistant Speaker

- A. There shall be an Assistant Speaker of the Assembly.
- B. All duties of and appointment processes of the Assistant Speaker are outlined in the L-Statutes of the Association.

Section 3: All legislative powers of the Association, except as qualifies herein, shall reside in the Representative Assembly, hereinafter referred to as the Assembly.

- Section 4:** The Assembly shall be composed of all fee-paying students as voting members as follows:
- A. There shall be one representative for every one hundred (100) students, or a majority fraction of that number, in each of the freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate classes. Said initial appointments may be revised at the beginning of each academic year prior to the start of the election of said representatives.
 - B. Elected representatives shall serve a term of one (1) year.
 - C. Appointed representatives shall serve until the next representative election.

- Section 5:** The Assembly shall provide for three official seats whose holders shall retain all rights of the student representatives. The official membership will be composed as follows:
- A. There shall be one representative of the faculty selected by the governing faculty body.
 - B. There shall be one representative of the staff selected by the Chief Administrative Officer of the College.
 - C. There shall be one representative of administration, selected by the Chief Administrative Officer of the College.
 - D. Official members shall serve a term determined by the bodies responsible for electing them.

- Section 6:** The Assembly shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, shall provide for the filling of vacant seats, and may compel the attendance of absent members, in such a manner and under such penalties as may be established through the appropriate legislation.

- Section 7:** The Assembly shall follow the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and Procedures.

Section 8: Meetings

- A. The Assembly shall meet once (1) a week during the academic year at a regular and public announced time and place. Said regular sessions may be altered by the Assembly, but only if such a schedule change is agreed to be publicly announced at least one week prior to the regular meeting date.
- B. Special sessions of the Assembly shall be called in any of the following cases as specified in Robert's Rules:
 1. By the Speaker of the Assembly at the request of the President.
 2. By the Speaker of the Assembly at the request of one quarter (1/4) of the Assembly.

Section 9: Legislation and Resolutions

- A. The Assembly may adopt legislation and resolutions, which are necessary and proper for carrying into execution any of the duties, powers, responsibilities, or obligations of the Association.

Section 10: Standing Committees of the Assembly

- A. There shall be three Standing Committees within the Assembly. They are as follows:
 - 1. There shall be a Budget and Appropriations Committee (B&A). The purpose and duties of said committee are outlined in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.
 - 2. There shall be a Rules Committee. The purpose and duties of said committee are outlined in the L-Statutes of the Association.
 - 3. There shall be an Elections Committee. The purpose and duties of said committee are outlined in the L-Statutes of the Association

Section 11: Stipend

- A. The Speaker of the Assembly shall receive a stipend. The stipend of the Speaker shall not increase during the term in office.

ARTICLE V: JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1: The Supreme Court

- A. There shall be a Supreme Court.
- B. The purpose and duties of the Supreme Court are outlined in the J-Statutes of the Association.

Section 2: Stipend

- A. The Chief Justice shall receive a stipend. The stipend of the Chief Justice shall not increase during the term in office.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1: All officers and representatives of the Association must be members of the Association at the times of their election, must maintain their membership in the Association during their term of office. Loss of membership in the Association shall result in the forfeiture of any elected office.

Section 2: All elections conducted by the Association shall be held for two (2) consecutive class days.

Section 3: Reasons for Elections

- A. Elections shall be held for the following reasons:
 - 1. Representative/Presidential Elections as stipulated in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.
 - 2. Executive Elections as stipulated in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.
 - 3. Speaker Elections as stipulated in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.
 - 4. Referendums as stipulated in the L-Statutes of the Student Association.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: All amendments to this Constitution must be approved by both the Assembly and the Association.

Section 2: Assembly Approval

- A. Legislation to amend this Constitution via normal legislative channels shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be referred to the members of the Association.
- B. Legislation to amend this Constitution via a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the Association shall require a majority vote to be referred to the members of Association.

Section 3: Association Approval

- A. All proposed amendments shall appear in the official student newspaper for two consecutive weeks after their presentation to the Assembly.
- B. All amendments shall be offered for approval by the members of the Association through a binding referendum, and a majority vote shall be sufficient to obtain ratification.

Section 4: Any proposed amendments shall be voted upon during Executive Elections on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week in November.

ARTICLE VIII: RATIFICATION

Section 1: This Constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Representative Assembly members.

Section 2: This Constitution shall become the operative instrument of the Student Association on January 1st the following year of its ratification.

Section 3: All things pertaining to the present Student Association shall, upon completion of the steps outlined in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Article, transfer to the domain of the Student Association established within this Constitution.

Section 4: The officers and Assembly representatives of the Student Association holding office at this time of the ratification of this Constitution shall continue to hold said offices until the expiration of their perspective terms to which they were elected or appointed.

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Mission Statement

Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia, New York

The mission of the Student Association is to promote the general welfare of the students of SUNY Fredonia, enhance student life on campus, and represent the interests of the student body as Fredonia's student government.

Central to this effort is the following:

- Distributing the funds generated from the Student Activity Fee;
- Enhancing the campus community intellectually, socially and culturally through the funding and development of student organizations;
- Providing important services for students not otherwise maintained by the university;
- Representing students to the administration and all other external agencies when necessary;
- Defending students from unfair policies both on and off-campus;
- Providing students with an open forum for discussion of all topics.

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STATUTE E-1

STATUTE CONCERNING: THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

Article I: The President.

- A. Shall be the official representative and spokesperson of the Association.
- B. Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, working through appropriate legislation.
- C. Shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, appoint student members to all bodies created within the college community in which voting or non-voting membership is provided for.
 - 1. All Presidential appointees shall be required to report pertinent information to the President with regard to their offices, and to receive instructions from the President.
 - 2. These reports shall be presented no later than one (1) week following meetings of the bodies. However this subsection shall not apply to the College Judicial Boards or any other judicial body not created under the Association authority.
 - 3. The Assembly, through appropriate legislation, may provide for a student member, to be appointed by the President, in special cases within the college community, which normally do not require an appointed student member.
- D. Shall attend all representative meetings and present a report.
- E. May veto any piece of legislation passed by the Assembly before the next meeting of the Assembly, or said legislation shall become operative. Said veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Assembly. The Assembly must take such action during the first meeting following the receipt of the President's written objection in the minutes of the following meeting.
- F. Shall, during each semester of the academic year, address the Assembly concerning the state of the Association, and other pertinent matters. The Assembly shall receive the President for this purpose during its last regularly scheduled meeting each semester.
- G. Shall nominate, should the office of Vice President become vacant, and with the consent of the Assembly, appoint a Vice President for the remainder of the term.
- H. Shall hold nine (9) office hours per week and attend executive and interoffice board meetings.
- I. Attend specified administrative meetings, organize meetings to meet with Executive Department chairpersons, and serve as chair of executive meetings.
- J. Shall acquire an extensive technical knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, and policies of the Association.

STATUTE E-2**STATUTE CONCERNING: THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

- Article I: The Vice President.
- A. Shall assist the President in the performance of their duties.
 - B. Shall assume office, should the office of the President become vacant, for the remainder of the term of office.
 - C. The Vice President, should the President be unable to perform their duties, shall upon such notification from their, act as President until such time as the President shall resume the performance of his/her duties.
 - D. Shall be Chairperson of the Committee of Presidents, and the Spring and Fall Summit.
 1. The requirements of this committee are outlined in Statute E-10.
 - E. Maintain constant contact with all recognized groups.
 1. Shall offer to meet at least once a semester with a representative from each Endorsed, Provisional, Acknowledged, Chartered, and Constituted group, in addition to the Fall and Spring Summit.
 2. The purpose of these meetings shall be:
 - i. To voice student concerns of members of the group
 - ii. To inform the Vice President of the Association of group concerns.
 - iii. To inform the group of changes in Student Association and university policy.
 - iv. To answer any questions students may have pertaining to Student Association procedures.
 - F. Shall meet with all groups newly recognized by the Association after the General Assembly meeting in which they are recognized, in order to inform them of their responsibilities and privileges as a Student Association group. The meeting shall be scheduled within seven (7) business days after the General Assembly in which the group was recognized.
 - G. Shall collect the following:
 1. Signature Cards from all recognized groups.
 2. Event Worksheets from all recognized groups.
 - H. Shall have the authority to immediately freeze a group's privileges, not to exceed two (2) weeks, for failure to turn in a Signature Card from all recognized groups. The Vice President shall inform the Assembly the meeting following the freeze and shall post the list in the Student Association office.
 - I. Shall hold nine (9) office hours per week and attend executive and interoffice meetings.
 - J. Shall be responsible for the student secretaries of the Association.
 - K. Shall keep an accurate record of all recognized groups. Copies of all recognized groups and their President and Treasurer shall be available upon request.
 - L. Shall acquire an extensive technical knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, and policies of the Association.
 - M. Shall serve as a liaison to the Supreme Court concerning matters of the Association.
 - N. Shall meet at least once a week with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to inform them of any and all charges placed by members of the Association.

- O. Shall attend all Supreme Court meetings in the event that the Justices of the Court ask questions regarding the workings of the Association, not clearly outlined in the Constitution or Statutes. The Vice President shall not serve to interpret the Constitution or Statutes of the Association. They may assist the court with background information relevant to the group or member of the Association that is so charged only when directly questioned by a Justice of the Court.

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STATUTE E-3

STATUTE CONCERNING: THE DUTIES OF THE STUDENT COMPTROLLER AND THE ASSISTANT STUDENT COMPTROLLER

Article I: The Student Comptroller.

- A. Shall Chair the Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting at least once every week.
- B. Shall nominate and appoint members to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, with the approval of the Assembly.
- C. Shall work directly with the General Manager/Accountant of the Association regarding all financial and contractual matters.
- D. Shall attend all Assembly meetings to give a report and financial advice, with the same absentee privileges as any other member of the Assembly.
- E. Shall prepare the Association Budget with the assistance of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to be submitted to the Assembly. Pending approval of the Assembly the budget will then be forwarded to the Association President for final approval.
- F. Shall hold a preliminary budget hearings prior to the Association's General Assembly Budget meeting (GA Day) in the spring of each academic year.
- G. Shall attend the final budget meeting of the Assembly (GA Day).
- H. Shall sign all purchase orders encumbered by funded organizations that coincide with approved budgets.
- I. Shall serve to safeguard the assets of the Association.
- J. Shall establish and revise procedures dealing with the financial operations and controls of the Association.
- K. Shall actualize the ledgers of the Association and its funded organizations at least once a month.
- L. Shall have the power to approve and disapprove releases of \$250.00 or less.
- M. Shall prohibit the expending of funds by funded organizations for a period of two weeks, if, in the opinion of the Comptroller and Speaker, the Constitution, Statutes and policies of the Association are being violated. This may be subject to review by the B&A or Rules Committee.
- N. Shall have the power to impose a temporary freeze on groups' privileges. Said freeze will be in effect until the next Assembly meeting. At that time the Comptroller shall bring the group before the Assembly, which shall judge the validity of the freeze and vote to continue or end such a freeze until the matter in question by the Comptroller is rectified.
- O. Shall acquire an extensive technical knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, and policies of the Association.
- P. Shall hold nine (9) office hours per week and attend executive and interoffice meetings.

Article II: The Assistant Student Comptroller.

- A. Shall be the Vice-Chairperson of the B&A Committee.
- B. The Assistant Comptroller, should the office of Student Comptroller become vacant, shall assume the duties of the Student Comptroller, until such time as the President of the Association appoints a new Student Comptroller, with two-thirds approval of the Assembly.
- C. Shall carry out additional duties as stipulated by the Student Comptroller.

STATUTE E-4
STATUTE CONCERNING: THE INTEROFFICE BOARD

- Article I: There shall be an Interoffice Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to:
- A. Promote communication between the executives, officers, and staff of the Association offices. The Interoffice Board shall consist of:
1. The President, who shall serve as chair.
 2. The Vice President
 3. The Student Comptroller
 4. The Speaker of the Assembly
 5. Chief Justice
 6. Chair of Elections
 7. The Assistant Speaker of the Assembly
 8. The Assistant Student Comptroller
 9. The SA General Manager/Accountant, who shall represent the SA office.
 10. Members of the SA office staff may address the Interoffice Board at the discretion of the President.
 11. The Chief of Staff
- Article II: The Interoffice Board shall have the responsibility to compose by-laws as is necessary for the performance of its offices.
- Article III: The Interoffice Board meeting shall satisfy the Constitutional requirement for the Executive Board.

STATUTE E-5
STATUTE CONCERNING: GRADE REQUIREMENT OF STUDENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVES

- Article I: Requirements:
- A. No candidate for appointment or election to any position on the Interoffice Board (as specified in Statute E-4) shall have a cumulative GPA of below 2.5.
 - B. No candidate for any position outlined in Statute E-4 shall be on suspension in abeyance.
 - C. All candidates for the Interoffice Board must be cleared by Student Affairs to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements.
- Article II: No Executive-elect or appointee can assume office who does not meet these eligibility requirements.
- Article III: All Executive candidates must submit a signed release in order to ensure that no one intending to run is ineligible. Verification of grades and disciplinary records must be completed prior to the beginning of campaign week by the Elections Chair.
- Article IV: Should an Executive office be vacated according to this Statute, the office shall be refilled as prescribed in the Constitution.

STATUTE E-6
STATUTE CONCERNING: EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

- Section 1: All Executive Department Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Student Association President with majority consent of the Assembly.
- Section 2: It shall be the duties of the Executive Department Committee Chairpersons to:
- A. Attend Student Association Assembly meetings with the same attendance policy as representatives. Each Chairperson or Appointee will be responsible for giving their department report at that meeting.
 - B. Meet with the Student Association President at least once a week for the Executive Committee meeting.
 - i. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Student Association President, Vice President, Comptroller, all Executive Department Chairs, and members of the President's Cabinet.
 - C. Hold weekly meeting at a set place and time.
 - D. Take attendance for their committee at that meeting.
 - E. Provide a brief outline of all business discussed at said meeting to be included in the minutes for the General Assembly for the following week.
- Section 3: It shall be the duty of all Executive Department Committees to aid the current President in accomplishing their goals in each corresponding subject area.
- Section 4: Executive Departments will be as follows:
- Article I: There shall be a Department of Public Relations, as follows:
- A. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to:
 - 1. Publicize the Association to the Campus through the use of the Student Association Website and any other means.
 - 2. Promote all of the Associations activities and events.
 - 3. Act as a liaison between the Association and the Office of Public Relations
 - 4. Aid in the promotion of any event put on by an SA Group, if requested.
 - 5. Recruit students to be involved and participate in all of the Associations meetings and official business.
 - B. It shall be the power of the Department Committee to:
 - 1. Publicize and promote all activities and events of the Association.
 - 2. Execute and oversee all Publicity of the Association.
 - 3. Serve as the chief liaison between the Student Association and Office of Public Relations.
 - 4. Publicize and promote the events, activities and services of the Association through advertisements, fliers, handouts, letter-drives, the campus media, etc.

- C. All members of the Department shall be appointed by the Chairperson and give the names to the President of the Association to be kept on record.

Article II: There shall be a Department of Student Relations as follows:

A. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to:

1. Strive to inform the students of important academic issues that directly affect the students.
2. Gather student input on pertinent matters and gage student opinion and pass that on to the President and the General Assembly.
3. Strive to bring about academic innovations within the existing educational framework
4. Work in collaboration with appropriate administrators and faculty to increase student awareness and knowledge in academics.

B. It shall be the power of the Department Committee to:

1. Conduct open forums on concerns of the students and conduct surveys.
2. Recommend to the President of the Association policies concerned with matters that fall within the duties of the Department.
3. Attend Academic Affairs meetings, Student Affairs and any other faculty run meeting that pertains to students on campus as the president sees fit.
4. The Chairperson shall appoint all members of the Department and give the names to the President of the Association to be kept on record.

Article III: There shall be a Department of Community Relations as follows:

A. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to:

1. Inform the Students of any important changes that happen in the community that may affect student life.
2. Inform the community of important issues that may affect them
3. Promote the Association to the community in a positive manner but also work with the community and with volunteer services advisory committee, in a collaborative way.
4. Coordinate community service efforts and inform students on safety issues.
5. Work in collaboration with the University Police and College Safety department to continue to make the campus/ community a safe place.
6. Strive to publicize all campus and community services and procedures such as On and Off-Campus housing, SA regulations, and all other campus rules and regulations.

B. It shall be the power of the Department Committee to:

1. Conduct open forums on concerns of the community.

2. Plan, organize and coordinate events and activities with the consent of the Executive Board.
 3. Recommend to the President of the Association policies concerned with matters that fall within the duties of the Department.
 4. Attend any community meetings or happenings that discuss issues that may directly affect students as the president sees fit.
 5. Direct students to the Association Attorney when necessary to assist students who may have problems with landlords and facilitate improvements in Off-Campus Housing
- C. The Chairperson shall appoint all members of the Department and give the names to the President of the Association to be kept on record.

Article IV: There shall be a Department of Sustainability Relations as follows:

- A. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to:
1. Strive to bring about sustainable innovations within the existing administrative framework, such as increased funding for recycling and more effective waste management efforts
 2. Work in collaboration with the appropriate administrators and faculty to promote a clean environment for SUNY at Fredonia
 3. Parallel the Presidential Advisory Committee on Sustainability and work in a collaborative fashion to enhance the sustainability of the campus
 4. Inform students on Sustainable matters and promote environmental awareness on campus
 5. If in the event that the Chair is unable to make the University President's Sustainability committee meetings, one committee member must attend
 6. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to oversee a garden in the event that a student garden is erected.
- B. It shall be the power of the Department Committee to:
1. Initiate and coordinate efforts to distribute information on recycling and other sustainable matters
 2. Address the sustainability concerns of the students and conduct open forums
 3. Coordinate efforts to achieve a clean environment for SUNY at Fredonia and increase the campus' recycling efforts
 4. Recommend to the President of the Association policies concerned with matters that fall within the duties of the Department
 5. It shall be in the power of the Department Committee to ensure if there is a garden, that the garden is aesthetically and functionally sound.
- C. All members of the Department shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

Article V: There shall be a Department of Diversity Relations as follows:

- A. It shall be the duty of the Department Committee to:
 - 1. Strive to create a more diverse campus community within the existing administrative framework.
 - 2. Work in collaboration with the appropriate administrators, faculty, staff, student cabinet members and the Center for Multicultural Affairs to achieve departmental goals.
 - 3. Inform students about the importance of acceptance, understanding, and compassion toward all regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction

- B. It shall be the power of the Department Committee to:
 - 1. Initiate and coordinate the efforts to improve diversity on campus within the existing administrative framework.
 - 2. Address any and all diversity concerns of students and faculty members and to conduct open forums on various diversity topics.
 - 3. Coordinate efforts to achieve a diverse and tolerant SUNY Fredonia with the overall goal of making Fredonia the best possible place to live and work.
 - 4. Recommend to the President of the Association, policies concerned with matters that fall within the duties of the Department.

- C. All members of the Department shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

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STATUTE E-7

STATUTE CONCERNING: ASSOCIATION SEATS IN UNIVERSITY SENATE

Article I: The operation of this statute is subject to the approval of University Senate.

Article II: Distribution of seats shall be as follows:

- A. The President of the Association shall hold a seat.
- B. The Vice President of the Association shall hold a seat.
- C. The Freshman Class President shall hold a seat.
- D. The Sophomore Class President shall hold a seat.
- E. The Junior Class President shall hold a seat.
- F. The Senior Class President shall hold a seat.
- G. The Graduate Class President shall hold a seat.

Article III: Class seats.

Class Presidents shall serve until such a time that they no longer hold their positions. If the Class President cannot sit on the University Senate for any reason, then the Class Vice President shall sit in their place. If neither the Class President nor the Class Vice President can hold a seat on the University Senate, the Student Association President shall appoint a student in that respective class, with the approval of the General Assembly.

STATUTE E-8

STATUTE CONCERNING: APPOINTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Article I: The appointing office shall have the sole power of appointment and removal in the following cases:
- A. Persons appointed to position having non-fixed terms of the office.
 - B. Persons appointed to position having no compensation.
- Article II: The appointing office shall seek a majority approval of the Representative Assembly for the following appointments or removals:
- A. Persons appointed to positions having fixed terms of office.
 - B. Persons appointed to positions having stipends.
 - C. Persons appointed to the Board of Directors for an auxiliary service corporation.
 - a. This includes, but is not limited to, the Faculty Student Association.

STATUTE E-9

STATUTE CONCERNING: STUDENT SECRETARIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Article I: Student secretaries of the Association shall have the following duties:
- A. Attend the meeting they are assigned.
 - B. Take minutes of the said meeting.
 - C. Prepare minutes for submission to the Speaker of the Assembly and the Vice President of the Association during a given time range at the Speakers discretion on the day of the next scheduled Representative Assembly meeting.
 - D. To assist the Administrative Assistant of the Executive Secretary if and only if that student secretary has not completed the maximum hours for that said week.
 - E. Student Secretaries shall not take minutes for a meeting where they themselves are participants (i.e. Student Representatives of the Assembly may not take minutes for any meeting of the Assembly where they are a voting member, etc.).
- Article II: Student secretaries shall abide by the following timetable:
- A. Have a maximum of ten (10) hours to complete said duties for each week's meeting.
 - B. Should the maximum hours be exceeded, prior approval of the Vice-President and the Student Comptroller is necessary.
- Article III: Under no circumstances shall the Executives utilize the services of the secretaries for any other purpose than the duties described above.

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STATUTE E-10

STATUTE CONCERNING: THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

- Article I: The Chairperson shall be the Vice President of the Association.
A. The Vice President shall have the ability to call for meetings when needed at any point in the semester.
- Article II: The Membership shall consist of the Presidents and Treasurers of all recognized groups.
- Article III: The Committee of Presidents shall be required to meet at the beginning of each semester for the Fall and Spring Summit respectively.
A. It shall be the duty of the recognized group President and Treasurer to notify the Vice President of the Association if they will not be in attendance at the meeting.
B. If the President and/or Treasurer are unable to attend, another group member may attend in their place with the approval of the Vice President of the Association.
- Article IV: Failure to attend the Fall or Spring Summit without notifying the Vice President in advance shall result in either charges placed to the Association's Supreme Court, and/or the temporary freezing of the recognized group's privileges. The Vice President will determine the amount of time, not to exceed two (2) weeks, that the recognized group shall have their privileges frozen. After one (1) week, if the recognized group has not met with the Vice President, charges may be placed to the Supreme Court.
A. It shall be the duty of the recognized group to meet with the Vice President and the Student Comptroller of the Association to obtain missed information in order to remove the temporary freezing of their privileges.

STATUTE E-11**STATUTE CONCERNING: BAIL SERVICE OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Article I: There shall be a Bail Service established for the Student Association.

Article II: Stipulations.

- A. Bail Service shall be provided for students arrested by the University Police, Fredonia Police or Dunkirk Police, provided that any such students are not accused of: 1) a felony or 2) any other offense in which the alleged victim is also a student.
- B. The maximum amount of bail eligible to be used at any one time is five hundred dollars (\$500).
- C. Funds for the Bail Service shall be kept in the Voluntary Account. Only money received voluntarily may be used for the Bail Service.
- D. Checks for the Bail Service shall require the signatures of two of the following: The Student Comptroller, the General Manager, or the Administrative Assistant.
- E. The General Manager may appoint a Bail Service Representative. The appointment shall last until the Representative resigns, is impeached or until they are no longer a member of the Association (student at Fredonia). It shall be the duties and responsibilities of the Representative to:
 1. Possess a pager, paid for by the Association and have the number given to the aforementioned agencies.
 2. Possess an appropriate supply of signed checks and blank agreement forms.
 3. Make themselves available at all times while class is in session, and if they are unable to be available, shall have a designee provide temporary coverage. The Representative shall notify the General Manager of any extended absences requiring such a designee, stating the designee's name, and the length of the expected absence. In the absence of either the Representative, or a designee, than the General Manager shall be authorized to provide bail.
 4. Have the power of discretion as to whether or not a person is eligible for bail.

Article III: Fees.

- A. Students wishing to use the Bail Service shall pay a fee of three percent (3%) of the bail requested plus ten dollars (\$10). The Bail Representative shall keep five dollars (\$5) and the rest shall be deposited into the Voluntary Account.
- B. Students not able to pay the fee at the time of the bail request must pay the fee within twenty four (24) hours of posting bail at the Association office during normal business hours. In lieu of non-payment, the Bail Service Representative shall hold the student's Fred Card or Driver's License and take it to the Association Office with the other paperwork. Upon payment of the fee, the respective document shall be returned to the student.

Article IV: Procedures.

- A. Upon notification of a student requiring bail, the Bail Service Representative shall proceed to the respective police station and meet with the student.
- B. The Bail Service Representative shall keep a record of the meeting showing the following information: date, person releasing the bail, time of first contact, the police agency involved, the student's name, home and school addresses and phone numbers, the alleged offense, the amount of bail requested, the check number, and the actual time released. The report may also contain additional information that may be pertinent to the procedure of the request.
- C. The Bail Service Representative shall state the conditions of the Bail Service to the student, and if the student agrees to use the service and pay the fee, he shall sign an agreement, to the same. The Bail Representative shall then fill out a check in the amount of the bail and write the student's name on the check in the memo area and hand it to the officer. The Bail Representative shall then sign and collect any paperwork that the Desk Officer may have for them, collect the fee and then return the same to the Administrative Assistant in the Association office during regular business hours.
- D. The agreement between the student requesting bail and the Association shall take such form as the Association Attorney might approve.

STATUTE E-12
STATUTE CONCERNING: EXECUTIVE CABINET

- Section 1: All Executive Cabinet Members shall be appointed by the Student Association President with majority consent of the Assembly.
- Section 2: Each Cabinet position shall be created by the President as they see a need to keep informed on a particular issue. Members of the Cabinet shall represent a specific group on campus that may or may not be represented already by the Association.
- Section 3 The Cabinet shall be limited to a maximum of eight (8) seats.
A. 6 seats may be filled by the President.
B. 2 seats may be filled by the Assembly.
- Section 4: It shall be the duties of the Executive Cabinet Members to:
A. Represent those individuals whom which they were chosen by the President to represent.
B. Give a report at the executive committee meeting that pertains to their particular issue.

STATUTE E-13
STATUTE CONCERNING: CHIEF OF STAFF

- Article I: The Chief of Staff:
- A. Shall serve as the President's personal assistant.
 - B. Shall serve as the chair of the Executive Cabinet in the absence of the President.
 - C. Shall deliver the report of the President at the General Assembly in their absence.
 - D. Shall meet weekly with the President in order to discuss matters pertinent to the Executive Branch.
 - E. Shall complete any other necessary tasks as assigned by the President of the Association.
- Article II: Appointment:
- A. The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

STATUTE F-1**STATUTE CONCERNING: THE BUDGET OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Article I: Fiscal Year.

- A. The fiscal year for the Student Association shall begin on July 1st and shall conclude on June 30th of the following calendar year.

Article II: Structure of the Budget.

- A. The estimated Fee of the Association shall be derived from the number of FTE's (full time enrollments); times the amount of the Mandatory Activity Fee being applied in that given year.
- B. Constituted groups and the administrative expenses shall appear in the budget. Each organization shall be segmented into separate line items for a given event and shall be subtotaled. The figures from the subtotals will then be added to form total budget amounts. Any revenue projected from events shall be clearly and distinctively separate from those items comprising the total of the organization's budget. This amount shall be subtracted from the total amount requested to form the total amount requested from the activity fee.
- C. Allocations and Con & Con shall be derived from available funds and shall not be less than 7.5% of Student Activity Fee Revenue. These funds will be distributed through release requests as outline in the statutes.
- D. A minimum of 25% if the annual Student Association Budget shall be maintained to represent inactive reserve. These funds are retained in the event of an unforeseen expense.
- E. A distinctively separate account shall be maintained and referred to as the Voluntary Account. These funds are derived from voluntary donations to the Association and are to be used for those matters prohibited by the guidelines concerning mandatory fee expenditures.

Article III: Preparation of the Budget.

- A. The Student Comptroller shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of the budget request forms, and for assisting groups in completing them.
- B. The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall review the budget requests with representatives of the organizations, and submit a recommendation to the General Assembly. The Association hereby creates a preliminary budget hearing to be held in the Spring prior to the formulation of the budget. Said hearing shall be open to all and any students and shall be held by the Student Comptroller. All Budget and Appropriation members are required to attend, as well as treasurers of dependent groups.
- C. Constituted groups shall request no more than twenty percent (20%) or a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) increase of their budget, depending on the greater amount, from expenses.
 - 1. Under special circumstances, exceptions to article 3, letter C must be approved by the Budget and Appropriations Committee prior to Budget and Appropriations week.
- D. The General Assembly, in consultation with the Student Comptroller and using the recommendations of the Budget and Appropriations

Committee, shall prepare and send a final budget proposal to the President of the Association.

- E. The President of the Association shall review the budget and either approve or veto it. Upon veto, the budget will be sent back to the General Assembly. Upon approval, the budget will be sent to the President of the University to ensure it is in line with University policy.

Article IV: Regulation of the Budget.

- A. Any amount remaining in an organization budget shall be closed out at the end of the fiscal year, except for requests made by organizations pertaining to fund-raiser accounts, and for any other cases deemed appropriate by the Student Comptroller of the Association, in consultation with the General Manager and President of the Association.
- B. Budgeted line items can only be released through the purchase order system.

Article V: Exemption.

- A. Any Constituted group may file for an exemption. If granted by the Association, an exemption will entitle the group to the following:
 1. At the end of each fiscal year, all of the group's expenses will be deducted from total revenue earned and the net balance will rollover to the group's reserve/fundraising account. Should the net balance in the group's reserve/fundraising account be negative at the end of the fiscal year, the group will not be eligible for continued exemption.
 2. The group will follow the budgeting process. However, the Association will review their budget and approve or deny any proposed expenditures based on its conformity to all Student Association policies. Any proposed revenue will need to be approved by the Budget and Appropriations Committee in order to safeguard the assets of the Student Association.
- B. In order for a group to qualify for this exemption, it must adhere to the following guidelines:
 1. Be a Constituted group in good standing with the Association.
 2. Have a budget approval process in place that includes the active participation of an independent group of qualified faculty, staff and/or students and has been presented to, and approved by, the Budget and Appropriations Committee and approved by the General Assembly.
 3. Exemption requests must be submitted to the Comptroller and approved by the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the General Assembly prior to the date that budgets are due. The exemption must include the terms agreed upon by the group and the Student Association in the form of a contract.
 4. Propose a budget where the total "Budget Request" from the Student Activity Fee is zero.
 5. All expenditures must conform to any required policies. If they do not, the Budget and Appropriations Committee will delete that expenditure from the budget. Subsequently, the group will

- have the opportunity to submit a modified budget that must then pass through their approved budget process.
6. If the budgeted revenue is reduced by the Budget and Appropriations Committee, then the group will have the opportunity to submit a modified budget that must pass through their approved budget process.
- C. All other policies and procedures that apply to Constituted groups, financial or otherwise, must be followed to keep the group in good standing and to remain qualified under this exemption.

STATUTE F-2

STATUTE CONCERNING: ALLOCATIONS, RE-ALLOCATIONS, RELEASES, AND CASH ADVANCES

Article I: Allocations.

- A. All allocations from the mandatory and voluntary funds over \$250.00 shall be submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, which shall vote by majority upon the requests. This vote, together with any recommendation of the Committee, shall be conveyed to the Assembly for approval.
- B. Final approval of all allocations shall rest with the Assembly and the President of the Association taking into consideration judgments handed down by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- C. No more than 50% of active reserve shall be designated for release during the fall semester of any given year. If a carryover exists, it shall be carried into the spring semester.
- D. Fall activities and Spring activities shall be released from respective semesters allocations with exception of extenuating circumstances which required funds must be released earlier. Extenuating circumstances will be decided on by the Budget and Appropriation Committee.
- E. Funds cannot be allocated to directly pay for fundraising materials.

Article II: Conference and Conventions.

- A. All Conference and Conventions (hereafter called Con & Con) releases from the mandatory and voluntary fees over \$250.00 shall be submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, which shall vote by majority upon the requests. This vote, together with any of the Committee, shall be conveyed to the Assembly for approval.
- B. Final approval of all Con & Con releases, rest with the Assembly and the President of the Association taking into consideration judgments handed down by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- C. No more than 50% of restricted reserve shall be designated for release during the fall semester of any given year. If a carryover exists, it shall be carried into the spring semester.
- D. Fall activities and Spring activities shall be released from respective semesters Con & Con with exception of extenuating circumstances which required funds will be released earlier. Extenuating circumstances will be decided on by the Budget and Appropriation Committee.
- E. Con & Con will be used for educational and professional conference and conventions as well as post-season travel for constituted groups.

Article III: Re-Allocations.

- A. Re-allocations may not be requested for items deleted or denied from budget requests or items denied in allocation requests.

Article IV: Releases Under \$250.00.

- A. Release requests from Allocations or Conference and accounts of \$250.00 or less shall be approved or denied by the Student Comptroller.
- B. The Student Comptroller and the President of the Association may defer such decisions to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, taking the decision of the Committee as their approval or denial.

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STATUTE F-3

STATUTE CONCERNING: ADMINISTRATIVE STIPENDS AND SALARIES

- Article I: Persons occupying the following positions within the Student Association shall receive the following stipends:
- A. Positions.
 - 1. The President shall receive a stipend of \$80.00 per week.
 - 2. The Vice-President shall receive a stipend of \$80.00 per week.
 - 3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall receive a stipend of \$80.00 per week.
 - 4. The Student Comptroller shall receive a stipend of \$80.00 per week.
 - 5. The Chief Justice shall receive a stipend of \$80.00 per week.
 - B. Payment.
 - 1. Payment of the stipends shall be made at two week intervals for all positions.
 - 2. Payment of stipends shall be adjusted when made necessary due to absence of work, as deemed appropriate by the General Manager/Accountant of the Association.
- Article II: Persons occupying the following positions as employees shall receive the following:
- A. Positions:
 - 1. The General Manager/Accountant shall receive a salary as to be determined by current contract.
 - 2. The Administrative Assistant shall receive a salary as determined by current contract.
 - 3. The Executive Secretary shall receive an hourly wage as determined by current contract.
 - 4. The Student Association Attorney will receive an amount as to be determined by current contract.
 - 5. The student secretaries of the Assembly and other committees shall be paid at the standing Federal minimum wage. Increases are based on the number of years said secretary is employed following student employment programs. Said secretaries shall be appointed by the Vice-President. Said secretaries' time sheets shall be monitored by the General Manager and President in accordance with the budget line.
 - B. The employment of persons occupying positions 2, 3, and 4 above shall be terminated only by the General Manager/Accountant in consultation with the President of the Association.
 - C. The employment of the person occupying the General Manager/Accountant position shall be terminated only by the Executive Board of the Association in consultation with the Vice President of Student Affairs.
 - D. Salary adjustments shall be determined by the General Manager/Accountant and the Executive Board and must be consistent with current college policies and procedures. The General Manager/Accountant with the consultation of the Vice President of Student Affairs has the authority to establish benefits policies and pay ranges.

STATUTE F-4**STATUTE CONCERNING: ACTIVITY FEES OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Article I: The activity fee of the Student Association, whether mandatory or voluntary, shall be placed in the active reserve account. Any funds shall follow the refund policies for tuition and fees of the State University of New York. The schedule for these fees shall be as follows:

- A. Full time students:
 - 1. Undergraduates carrying twelve (12) credit hours or more shall pay a mandatory activity fee as determined by the budget.
 - 2. Graduates carrying twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester of summer session.
- B. Part-time students:
 - 1. Undergraduates carrying less than twelve (12) credit hours per semester shall pay 8.3% of the mandatory fee per credit. Summer session students shall pay 8.3% of the previous semester activity fee per credit hour.
 - 2. Graduate students carrying less than twelve (12) credit hours per semester or summer session, shall pay 8.3% of the mandatory activity fee per credit hour.
- C. Students in the medical technology program participating in their clinical year shall pay 50% of the mandatory activity fee per semester.
- D. Students studying abroad shall pay 50% of the mandatory activity fee per semester.
- E. Students studying in Washington, D.C. shall pay 50% (fifty percent) of the mandatory activity fee per semester.
- F. Graduate assistants shall pay 50% (fifty percent) of the mandatory activity fee per semester and shall be issued a Faculty/Staff Activity upon payment of the fee.
- G. Students taking courses at satellite campuses and living outside of a thirty (30) mile radius shall pay only \$5.00 per semester.
- H. Students enrolled in a summer session at the Chautauqua Institution shall pay a flat fee of \$2.50 for the session that they are enrolled in, regardless of the length of the session.

*** The above schedule may be waived upon the written authorization of the President of the Association, in consultation with the Student Comptroller and the General Manager/Accountant of the Association and the College Office of Financial Aid.

*** The above schedule will be updated as needed when the activity fee changes.

Article II: Voluntary Fees

- A. The Voluntary Fees, excluding the activity fee, shall be placed in the Voluntary Reserves Account, and no refunds shall be authorized.

STATUTE F-5

STATUTE CONCERNING: CLASS DELEGATION ACCOUNTS

- Article I: The class delegations of the Association (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate) shall be recognized at the Acknowledged group status by the Comptroller's office.
- Article II: The class accounts (whether positive or negative) at the end of the each academic year shall advance to the next higher-class status (Example: Freshman in May becomes the Sophomore account in August). This establishes a rolling account that will follow the class delegates from their respective freshmen year to their senior year.
- Article III: The only exception to the rolling class account shall be the Graduate class account, which shall not receive the funds of the Senior class at the end of the academic year. Instead the money in the Senior class account will roll over to the upcoming Senior class.

STATUTE F-6

STATUTE CONCERNING: VOLUNTARY FEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article I: Voluntary Fees.

- A. The voluntary fees, excluding the activity fee, of the Association shall be deposited in the voluntary reserves account, and no refunds shall be authorized.
- B. Letters seeking payment of the voluntary fee are to be mailed out to all students at the discretion of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Student Comptroller.
- C. All voluntary fees collected will be placed in a checking or savings account or a secure investment not to exceed 50% of total funds available.
- D. Authorizing signatures:
 - 1. Signature for checking accounts shall be either the General Manager/Accountant and/or the Student Comptroller and the Administrative Assistant or the VP of Student Affairs.
 - 2. Signatures for the savings and any investment shall be the same as above.

Article II: Uses of the Voluntary Funds.

- A. The voluntary fees, excluding the activity fee, shall be used only for those matters prohibited by the guidelines concerning mandatory fee expenditure.
- B. Bail loans are to be provided by the Association under guidelines stated in Statute Concerning Bail Services.

STATUTE F-7

STATUTE CONCERNING: RENTAL OF STUDENT ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT

Article I: Any organizations that are Constituted, Chartered, Acknowledged, or Endorsed by the Student Association are able to rent Student Association equipment from specific Student Association organizations for a fee set by the group from which it was rented.

Article II: Non-students, or groups not recognized as a Student Association organization, (this does not apply to dorms that rent equipment for their own use and activity) will not be permitted to rent said equipment. In addition to this, any equipment that is rented may not leave the Fredonia State campus without approval of the Student Comptroller of the Student Association and the organization from which the equipment is to be rented.

STATUTE F-8

STATUTE CONCERNING: FUNDING OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Article I: The Student Association will no longer fund any academic activities that specific classes require participation in, in order for students to receive academic credit in such class.
- Article II: The Student Association will not fund any activities in which students are required to participate in, in order to graduate.
- Article III: This statute was written for all activities with the exception of those that involve the Theatre Arts Policy of credit concerning the Student Association recognized groups, as well as for those activities that receive credit in the form of an internship.

STATUTE F-9

**STATUTE CONCERNING: ADMISSION PRICES FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATION FUNDED
EVENTS**

Article I: Be it resolved that for any event sponsored by a Constituted organization for which there exists a revenue line for said event in the group's Student Association budget, a minimal price to non-students shall automatically be charged. This fee shall be at least 50% more than the student price for the same event. Where there exists a revenue line and where there is no charge to students, at least one dollar will be charged for non-students.

Article II: There will be no exceptions to this policy without the approval of the Student Comptroller and the Representative Assembly.

STATUTE F-10**STATUTE CONCERNING: FINANCES OF ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION****Article I: Provisionally Recognized Organizations.**

- A. Provisionally Recognized Organizations shall be financially independent of the Association, but shall be eligible to receive monetary assistance from the Association by the way of the Allocation Account, and the Conference and Convention Account. All such assistance shall be subject to the procedures outlined in Statute F-2 and F-11. These organizations shall be eligible during the fiscal year in which their Endorsement is approved, for a maximum amount of funding as stipulated:
1. \$500.00 if provisionally recognized during the 1st quarter.
 2. \$375.00 if provisionally recognized during the 2nd quarter.
 3. \$250.00 if provisionally recognized during the 3rd quarter.
 4. \$125.00 if provisionally recognized during the 4th quarter
 5. Not more than \$500.00 during any fiscal year.
- B. To receive financial assistance from the Allocation, or the Conference and Convention Accounts, the activity or event must fit into the requirement set for mandatory activity fee by the SUNY guidelines.

Article II: Endorsed Organizations.

- A. Endorsed Organizations shall be financially independent of the Association, but shall be eligible to receive monetary assistance from the Association by the way of the Allocation Account, and the Conference and Convention Account. All such assistance shall be subject to the procedures outlined in Statute F-2 and F-11. These organizations shall be eligible during the fiscal year in which their Endorsement is approved, for a maximum amount of funding as stipulated:
- a. \$150.00 if endorsed during the 1st quarter.
 - b. \$125.00 if endorsed during the 2nd quarter.
 - c. \$100.00 if endorsed during the 3rd quarter.
 - d. \$75.00 if endorsed during the 4th quarter
 - e. Not more than \$150.00 during any fiscal year.
- B. To receive financial assistance from the Allocation, or the Conference and Convention Accounts, the activity or event must fit into the requirement set for mandatory activity fee by the SUNY guidelines.

Article III: Acknowledged Organizations.

- A. Acknowledged Organizations shall be financially independent the Association, but shall be eligible to receive monetary assistance from the Association by way of the Allocation Account, and the Conference and Convention Account. All such assistance shall be subject to procedures outlined in Statute F-2 and F-11. These organizations shall be eligible during the fiscal year in which their Acknowledgment is approved, for a maximum amount of funding as stipulated:
1. \$1000.00 if acknowledged during the 1st quarter.
 2. \$750.00 if acknowledged during the 2nd quarter.
 3. \$500.00 if acknowledged during the 3rd quarter.

4. \$250.00 if acknowledged during the 4th quarter.
 5. Not more than \$1000.00 during any fiscal year.
- B. To receive financial assistance from the Allocation, or the Conference and Convention Accounts, the event must fit into the requirement set for the mandatory activity fee by the SUNY guidelines.

Article IV: Chartered Organizations.

- A. Chartered organizations shall be financially independent of the Association, but shall be eligible to receive monetary assistance from the Association via the Allocations and the Conference and Convention Accounts. All such assistance shall be subject to procedures outlined in Statute F-2 and F-11. These organizations shall be eligible during the fiscal year in which their charter is approved, for a maximum amount of funding as stipulated:
1. \$1500.00 if Chartered during the 1st quarter.
 2. \$1375.00 if Chartered during the 2nd quarter.
 3. \$1250.00 if Chartered during the 3rd quarter.
 4. \$1125.00 if Chartered during the 4th quarter.
 5. Not more than \$1500.00 during any fiscal year prior to first approved budget
- B. To receive financial assistance from the Allocation or the Conference and Convention Accounts, the event must fit into the requirement set for the mandatory activity fee by the SUNY guidelines.
- C. Chartered Organizations may charge their members dues only for individual membership in affiliated groups not recognized by the Association.

Article V: Constituted Organizations.

- A. Constituted Organizations shall be financially dependent of the Association and shall be eligible to receive monetary assistance from the Association via budgets and the Conference and Convention Accounts. Constituted Organizations shall follow the procedure outlined in F-11 when publicizing all activities. These organizations shall be eligible, during the year in which their Constitution is approved, for a maximum amount of funding as stipulated:
1. Not more than \$1500.00 during the first fiscal year prior to first approved budget.
 2. Not more than \$1500.00 during any fiscal year from the Conference and Conventions account
 3. Not more than \$5,000.00 in expenses in the first budgeted fiscal year.
- B. To receive financial assistance from the Association, the event must fit into the requirement set for the mandatory activity fee set by SUNY guidelines.
- C. Organizations may charge their members dues only for individual membership in affiliated groups not recognized by the Association.

Article VI: Regulation of Student Association Organizations

- A. Finances.

1. Organizations receiving income shall account for said funds on a separate subsidiary ledger sheet under their original account number. The funds on such a subsidiary ledger shall, at the request of the organizations, be excepted from the fiscal year termination procedures, and shall be carried over from the previous to the following fiscal year. Any carry-over of such funds shall be subject to returns of money to the Association as mandated.
2. Organizations shall pay wages/stipends to their officers other members only with both the consensus and the approval of the Assembly. Wages/stipends shall be paid from income funds only.
3. Organizations shall be held responsible for any and all deficits occurring under their account numbers.
4. Organizations sponsoring an event for which tickets are sold for admission shall give free tickets only for media coverage or for promotional purposes in the form of contests. Complimentary tickets shall be used by an organization as gratuities only after the Executive board of said organization submits to the General Manager a list of whom the organization to have complimentary tickets and the list must be submitted before the tickets go on sale to the campus. People found misusing the privileges of complimentary tickets shall be subject to enforcement proceedings.

***Stipulation: Anyone on the list may receive one ticket with the option of buying the second and reserving them in advance, or getting two free tickets and standing in line to purchase them (cannot reserve them in advance). The choice will be left up to the individual.

5. Organizations may request funding up to 100% of the cost for items that serve as a non-personal use of promotion or publicity, mandated uniform, and/or a gift. Promotions and gifts, with the exception of mandated uniforms, must not be given to group members.
6. Organizations may not request funding for apparel that is intended for personal and promotion/publicity use for groups. Should a special circumstance arise, as seen by the Comptroller, it may be reviewed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
7. Items that bear the University name or a recognized group name must go through a vendor licensed by the University.
8. Groups cannot request funds from student activity fee money to provide food for general, closed, or non-event meetings. Any exceptions need to be presented to the B&A Committee in order to be approved.

B. Capital Assets.

1. Organizations utilizing capital assets purchased under the auspices of the Association shall make said assets available to other organizations, as directed by the Student Comptroller.
2. Organizations shall be required to obtain the permission of the Student Comptroller prior to the disposal of any and all capital assets.

C. Contracts.

1. All oral contracts or agreements made by organizational officers shall make said organizations liable.
2. All written contracts or agreements made by organizational officers must be signed by the General Manager or their designee before the Association shall become liable.
3. All contracts or agreements shall be made only after funds have been allocated, re-allocated, or released for the instance involved.

D. Treasurers.

1. Each organization shall have a treasurer.
2. Treasurers shall represent their organizations with accurate and current ledgers in any business before the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
3. Treasurers shall be responsible for the fiscal integrity of their organizations.
4. Treasurers of Constituted Organizations are required to attend Treasurers Meeting held by the Student Comptroller.
 - a. Failure to attend the Treasurers Meeting without notifying the Comptroller in advance shall result in the temporary freezing of the group's privileges for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks. After one (1) week, if the group has not met with the Comptroller, charges may be placed with the Supreme Court.
 - b. If the Treasurer is unable to attend, the President shall be their designee.

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STATUTE F-11

**STATUTE CONCERNING: ADVERTISING OF EVENTS USING FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM
THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

- Article I: All Student Association recognized organizations, regardless of level of recognition, are required to incorporate the following items when advertising any event that uses Student Association allocated funds:
- A. The Student Association Logo in its most current form.
 - B. OR the Student Association Stamp.
 - C. In the event that the Student Association logo is updated, it shall be the responsibility of the Public Relations Chair to notify groups of the change in an appropriate manner.

STATUTE F-12

STATUTE CONCERNING: REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STUDENT COMPTROLLER

- Article I: There shall be no reimbursement for any organization affiliated with the Student Association. Each transaction must have a Purchase Order before purchasing items and before services are rendered. If organizations fail to follow this procedure, they will be penalized either by removal of funds from its fund-raiser line to cover the cost at the discretion of the Student Comptroller or by the pressing of charges to the Supreme Court.
- Article II: Organizations under the Student Association with pre-approval by the Student Comptroller will be exempt from following this statute.

STATUTE F-13
STATUTE CONCERNING: BAIL SERVICE

- Article 1: Request may be granted for bail service only to members of the Association as follows:
- A. Students that take part in a crime against another SUNY Fredonia student are not eligible for the use of the Association Bail service.
 - B. Said request shall be granted to any fee paying member of the Association as long as: The bail request does not exceed the amount of five hundred dollars or the alleged offense is not a felony. In addition, the person making said request has contributed the amount of ten (10) dollars plus three (3) percent of total bail requested, to the bail representative at the time of posting bail or within 24 hours to the Student Association Office. The contribution will be distributed as follows: (5) dollars to the bail representation, (5) dollars deposited in the voluntary bail account and the three (3) percent is a New York State Poundage Fee deposited in the voluntary bail account, which will be withheld from the bail returned. The individual must also agree to enter into a written contract with the Association to their legal responsibility to reimburse the Association in the event of forfeiture of bail monies provided by the Association.
 - C. Said authorized request will be drawn from the Student Association Voluntary Bail Account.
 - D. Said request to be drawn from the Voluntary Bail Account shall be authorized by the signatures of the Administrative Assistant and the General Manager/Accountant.
 - E. So long as the conditions in Article I, Section A are met and adequate funds are available, any authorized person in Article I, Section A must sign a bail fund check for the appropriate amount at the request of bail representative. In the event that an authorized person in Article I, Section A, or that their ability to enter into written contract is questionable, said authorized person may request a final determination from either the Administrative Assistant/General Manager/Accountant.
 - F. Any person who has been bailed by the Student Association Bail Representative and fails to appear in court on the date and time specified in said court, shall forfeit all further rights to use the bail service and shall be fully responsible to make restitution to the Association of any and all funds expended for bail on behalf of the individual.

- Article II: Bail loans are to be provided by the Association under these guidelines:
- A. All bail loans will be in the Student Association's name and must be paid back immediately following termination of trial or hearing.
 - B. Bail loans may be denied under certain circumstances as deemed appropriate by the Bail officer as stipulated in statute.
 - C. Failure to pay back the loan in total will result in legal action against the individual involved.

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STATUTE F-14

STATUTE CONCERNING: STUDENT ASSOCIATION ALCOHOL POLICY

- Article I: The purchase of alcohol with activity fee revenue, for resale or consumption, is strictly prohibited. Groups depositing their own funds in a Student Association account should be aware that the Association will not make payment of any kind for the purchase of alcohol.
- Article II: Using a purchase order to buy alcohol is strictly prohibited. All purchase orders made out to bars, restaurants or other establishments known to sell alcohol should be marked in a prominent location, "NOT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL."
- Article III: Any individual found violating this policy shall be prohibited from signing out purchase orders and will personally be responsible for payment to any vendor. Any group having members violate this policy will have charges filed against them by the Comptroller to the Supreme Court. Upon filing of the charges, privileges shall be frozen by the Comptroller until the Supreme Court renders a verdict.
- Article IV: Any group recognized by the Student Association wishing to sponsor an event where alcohol is to be served must do so through an establishment with a license to serve alcohol. Any group holding an event where alcohol is served and not using a licensed establishment must do so off campus and without any recognition or funding whatsoever from the Student Association.
- Article V: Groups must strictly adhere to the college policies concerning the use of alcohol. Any group found in violation of these policies will risk de-recognition by the Student Association and the incident will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for possible disciplinary actions by the college. The College guidelines regarding alcohol are available upon request through the Office of Student Affairs or the Williams Center Campus Life Office and are outlined in the college catalog.

STATUTE F-15

STATUTE CONCERNING: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- Article 1: All Professional Development and Quality Management (hereafter called PDQM) releases from the mandatory funds over \$150.00 shall be submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, which shall vote by majority upon the requests. This vote, together with any recommendation of the Committee, shall be conveyed to the Assembly for approval.
- Article 2: Final approval of all allocations shall rest with the Assembly taking into consideration the judgments handed down by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

STATUTE F-16

STATUTE CONCERNING: PAYING ADVISORS, GROUP E-BOARD MEMBERS, GROUP MEMBERS, RELATIVES

Article I: Student Association Funds may not be used to pay an advisor, E-Board member, group member or relative to any of the above for services to their perspective group. A group may deposit their own funds to pay for an advisor, E-Board member, group member or relative to any of the above services.

A. Relatives:

1. Immediate family members to the individuals.

Article II: There will be no exception to this policy without the approval of the Student Comptroller and the Representative Assembly.

STATUTE J-1
STATUTE CONCERNING: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

- Article I: The Judicial Branch shall consist of two bodies: The Supreme Court and The Enforcement Review Board.
- A. The Supreme Court shall hear and render a decision on any charges filed against any individual or organization within the Student Association. This court shall also be an interpretive body of the Constitution, Statutes of the Association and the doctrines of recognized groups. They shall also hear cases determining the legality of legislation proposed to and/or passed by the General Assembly.
 - B. If a decision by the Supreme Court is appealed, the Enforcement Review Board shall determine whether or not that appeal shall be granted.
- Article II: The following Federal procedures shall be observed:
- A. Due Process:
 - 1. Proper notice.
 - 2. The right to push grievances.
 - 3. The right to appeal.
 - B. Innocent until proven guilty.
 - C. Double jeopardy, that is, no individual or organization may be tried twice for the same offense according to the same incident.
- Article III: The following shall also be observed:
- A. Any persons that are actively involved members of a group that is being tried must step down from their role of Justice or Enforcement Review Board member for the duration of the case, until a verdict has been rendered.
 - B. A secretary must be present for all meetings of the Supreme Court. Minutes to all meetings must be recorded and distributed to all officers and representatives of the Association.

STATUTE J-2

STATUTE CONCERNING: THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Article I: The Chief Justice

- A. Shall be the chief officer of the Judicial Branch.
- B. Shall be the chairperson of the Supreme Court and the Enforcement Review Board.
- C. Shall attend all representative meetings with the same absentee privileges as any other member of the Assembly and present a report.
- D. Shall hold nine (9) office hours per week and attend interoffice board meetings.
- E. Shall serve an unlimited term while they are a student at SUNY Fredonia with an annual review by the Assembly at the end of the spring semester. And shall serve until they resign or are impeached.
- F. Shall not be a part of the Executive Office or the Assembly of the Association.
- G. Shall have an extensive and thorough working knowledge of the Constitution and Statutes of the Association. The Chief Justice shall be the principal adviser to all officers and representatives of the Association on matters involving the Constitution and Statutes.
- H. Shall notify all parties, recognized groups, or members of the Association of charges that have been placed against them.
- I. Shall serve as a liaison to the Supreme Court concerning matters of the Association, and to the Assembly concerning matters of the Supreme Court.
- J. Shall abide by all processes of the Student Association.
- K. Shall conduct all meetings of the Supreme Court in conjunction with the appropriate statutes of the Association and Robert's Rules of Order.
- L. Shall appoint all Justices to the Court with the approval of the Assembly.
- M. Shall appoint their successor with the approval of the Assembly. The term of the new Chief Justice shall begin upon the Chairperson of the Executive Board's receipt of the former Chief Justice's letter of resignation for payroll purposes.
 - 1. In the event of the absence of a Chief Justice, one shall be appointed from the current justices by the President of the Association with the approval of the Assembly. In the event that there are no existing justices or none able or willing to assume the duties of the Chief Justice, one shall be appointed from outside the court by the President with the approval of the Assembly.
- N. Shall be responsible to assign a Student Advocate when requested by the Plaintiff(s) and/or Defendant(s).
 - 1. Shall maintain an up to date roster of qualified and available student advocates
 - 2. The Student Advocate shall:
 - a. Be a representative of either party that may speak or act on its behalf.
 - b. Be a fee paying student.
 - c. Not have a conflict of interest.
 - d. Be knowledgeable of court procedure.

- O. Shall have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of their appointment.

STATUTE J-3

STATUTE CONCERNING: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPREME COURT

Article I: Membership.

- A. Six other students shall serve as Justices on the Supreme Court.
 - 1. Justices shall not hold the following offices within the Association:
 - a. Class Representative.
 - b. Speaker or Assistant Speaker
 - c. President.
 - d. Vice President.
 - e. Comptroller.
 - f. A seat on a standing committee.
- B. The Justices shall have an extensive and thorough knowledge of the Constitution and Statutes of the Association.
- C. The Justices shall serve for an unlimited term while they are students, and until such time as they resign, are impeached, or removed from office.
- D. Removal from office or suspension must have justified reasoning, proper notice to all Justices, and be at the discretion of the Chief Justice. Justices can submit a formal protest of these actions to the court, and put the issue to a vote of confidence.
- E. Each Justice is permitted a maximum of two (2) unexcused absences per year. In order for an absence to be considered excused, the Chief Justice must receive notice twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The Chief Justice shall also use discretion when determining if an excuse is valid.
- F. In the absence of the Chief Justice, the senior Justice shall serve as acting chair.

STATUTE J-4**STATUTE CONCERNING: PROCEDURES OF THE SUPREME COURT****Article I: Filing Charges.**

- A. Any member of the Association may file charges.
- B. All charges must be filed within forty-five (45) business days of the alleged violation or within any other time restraints if one so applies.
- C. All charges must be filed with the Chief Justice of the Association. The charges must be typed, dated, and clearly cite when the alleged violation occurred.
- D. In the instance that charges are brought against the Chief Justice, the charges shall be filed with the Vice-President of the Association who shall then notify the Chief Justice.
- E. Copies of the charges must be made available to the members of the court and to all parties involved.
- F. There shall be a charge letter sent from the Chief Justice to the defendant for any charge(s) filed. The charge letter shall include:
 1. Alleged statute violation(s), including date(s), specific statute(s), and description of violation(s).
 2. Date, time and location of hearing.
 3. Deadline to submit a Student Advocate request.

Article II: Notification of Hearing.

- A. The Supreme Court shall make public all charge(s) presented.
- B. Hearings must be scheduled no later than two (2) weeks following the filing of the charges with the exception of semester breaks, in which instance the hearings shall take place immediately following the recess.
- C. Notification of the hearing must be sent three (3) business days prior to the date scheduled by the Chief Justice. Failure to respond in the first week may result in a one (1) week delay of hearing. The Chief Justice shall then contact the Defendant(s), in addition to the charge letter, during the following week.
- D. Failure to respond to the notification of hearing for a second time may result in forward to a third hearing or automatic de-recognition at the discretion of the Court.
- E. Defendant(s) may request a Student Advocate to act on their behalf. The Defendant may choose a Student Advocate or may request one to be provided by the chief Justice. This request shall be submitted to the Chief Justice by the date and time specified in the notification of hearing.

Article III: Procedure of the Hearing.

- A. Reading of the Charges
- B. Opening Statements
 1. Plaintiff
 - a. Should the charges have been filed by an office of the Association the plaintiff shall be the officer of that office and/or their representative.
 - b. Should the charges have been brought by a member of the association of SUNY Fredonia the Plaintiff shall be said individual.

2. Defendant
 - a. Should the charges have been filed against a group the defendant shall be a member of said group's e-board and/or their representative.
 - b. Should the charges have been filed against a member of the association the defendant shall be said individual.
- C. Calling of Witnesses, Entering of Evidence, Cross Examinations, and Re-Cross Examinations
 1. Plaintiff – The Plaintiff shall present their evidence and question their witness(es). The Defendant may question all Plaintiff witnesses, and the Plaintiff may re-direct.
 - a. Defendant – The Defendant shall present their evidence and question their witness(es). The Plaintiff may question all Defendant witnesses, and the Defendant may re-direct.
- D. Addition Questions
 1. Justices may question Plaintiffs, Defendants, and/or Witnesses.
 2. All interested parties may ask questions with approval of the Chief Justice.
- E. Closing Statements
 1. Plaintiff
 2. Defendant
- F. Verdict – The Supreme Court, based solely upon the evidence and testimony presented, shall render a decision:
 1. Guilty – The Defendant is guilty of the charges. The Supreme Court shall issue a punishment that is appropriate for the crime committed.
 2. Not Guilty – The Defendant is acquitted of the charges.
- G. The preceding shall be the procedure for the hearing. Should the Chief Justice decide to alter these procedures, they shall notify all parties prior to the start of the hearing.

- Article IV: All parties involved in any matter before the Supreme Court shall be bound by the following:
- A. The Chief Justice shall notify all parties three (3) business days of their expected date and time of appearance. The Chief Justice shall also grant postponement if given proper notification by any party involved.
 - B. Should the Plaintiff fail to appear at said time, regardless of the presence of the Defendant, the charges shall be dismissed.
 - C. Should the Defendant fail to appear before the Supreme Court for two (2) hearings, the Supreme Court shall either forward the defendant to a third and final hearing or the punishment shall be de-recognition from the Association by the Supreme Court.
 - D. Should the Defendant fail to appear before the Supreme Court for three (3) hearings, the punishment shall be automatic de-recognition from the Association by the Supreme Court, with exceptions agreed upon by the court.
 - E. Should the Defendant or Plaintiff be an individual and fail to appear before the Supreme Court for two (2) hearings, punishment shall be loss of any standing held by said individual within the Association.

- F. Written notification of witnesses must be given to the Chief Justice no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing.

Article V. The Supreme Court shall determine the legality of legislation proposed to or passed by the Assembly.

- A. Should a member of the Association wish to challenge a piece of legislation, a letter must be submitted to the Chief Justice.
- B. The Chief Justice shall then call a meeting of the Supreme Court.
- C. The Justices of the Supreme Court shall be supplied with:
 - 1. The Challenge Statement
 - 2. A copy of the legislation in question
 - 3. Minutes from the Assembly, Rules Committee, or B&A Committee meeting where the legislation was produced.
- D. The Supreme Court shall then decide if the Challenge Statement provides sufficient reason for a hearing. Should the Court find that it does provide sufficient reason, then a hearing shall then be set.
- E. A hearing shall only be granted if the legislation violates the Constitution and Statutes of the Association, college policies, or state or federal law.

STATUTE J-5**STATUTE CONCERNING: VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTION AND STATUTE**

- Article I. The Supreme Court shall use the following as guidelines for violations concerning any group or individual found guilty of violating the Constitution and Statutes of the Association.
- Article II. The following is the procedure for violations and sanctions occurring within three-hundred and sixty five (365) days.
- Article III. The following shall be general procedures for sanction(s):
- A. Should any group fail to appear before Supreme Court for three (3) consecutive weeks after charges were filed, the sanction shall be De-Recognition from the Student Association by the Supreme Court.
 - B. Sanction(s) are to be completed within the time period established by the Supreme Court.
 - C. Should multiple charges be filed against the same defendant during three-hundred and sixty-five (365) days, the Supreme Court may combine sanctions.
- Article IV. The following shall be limits on sanctions for first offence:
- A. First Offence sanctions shall NOT include:
 1. De-Recognition unless at groups request.
 2. Lowering of recognition status, unless requested by group.
 3. More than one (1) additional event.
 4. Unreasonable Fines. All fines of Constituted groups must be reviewed by the student comptroller before taking effect.
 5. All fines must be toward the total amount of money a group is eligible to request in one academic year.
 - B. Second offence sanctions shall NOT include:
 1. De-Recognition unless at groups request
 2. More than ten (10) hours of community service
 3. More than four (4) additional events
 4. Unreasonable Fines. The Student Comptroller must be present at any second hearing of a Constituted group if fines are to be considered.
 5. All fines must be toward the total amount of money a group is eligible to request in one academic year.
 - C. Third offence sanctions shall be left to the discretion of the Supreme Court. The Student Comptroller must be present at any third hearing of a Constituted group if fines are to be considered.
- Article V. Community Service.
- A. Community service shall be carried out by the officers and/or members of the group as appointed by the supreme Court and may include, but are not limited to:
 1. Tasks within the Association office as appointed by the Administrative Assistant or General Manager/Accountant.
 2. Removing expired posters from campus bulletin boards.

3. Appointed task given by the Volunteer and Community Services Center.

STATUTE J-6

STATUTE CONCERNING: THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD

Article I: Membership.

- A. The representatives of the General Assembly shall serve on the Enforcement Review Board.

STATUTE J-7

**STATUTE CONCERNING: THE PROCEDURES OF THE ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD
(ERB)**

- Article I: Appealing a Decision of the Supreme Court.
- A. An appeal shall only be granted:
 - 1. If there is new evidence or testimony to be entered concerning the case.
 - 2. If the Defendant charges that proper procedures had been violated during the Supreme Court trial.
 - B. Should the losing party wish to appeal the decision of the Supreme Court, a letter must be submitted to the Chief Justice within two (2) weeks of when the decision was rendered.
 - C. The Chief Justice shall then call a meeting of the Enforcement Review Board.
 - D. The members of the Enforcement Review Board shall be supplied with:
 - 1. The Appeal Statement.
 - 2. A copy of the original charge.
 - 3. The minutes of the original hearing.
 - E. The Enforcement Review Board shall then decide if the Appeal Statement provides sufficient reason for an appeal hearing with a two-thirds vote.
 - F. Should the board find that it does provide sufficient reason, an appeal hearing with the Supreme Court shall then be set.

STATUTE J-8**STATUTE CONCERNING: PROCEDURES OF AN APPEAL HEARING**

- Article I. All parties involved in any matter up for appeal shall be bound by the following.
- A. The Chief Justice shall notify all parties within two (2) weeks of their expected date and time of appearance. The Chief Justice shall also grant postponement if given proper notification by any party involved.
 - B. The Appealing Party and the Non-Appealing Party must be supplied with a copy of the appeal statement.
 - C. Should the Appealing Party fail to appear at said time, the appeal shall be dismissed.
 - D. Should the Non-Appealing Party fail to appear at said time and is a student, all positions that the Non-Appealing Party holds in the Association shall be suspended until an appearance is made before the Supreme Court. Should the Non-Appealing Party be a group, its privileges, including the receiving of funds budgeted or released, shall be suspended until an appearance is made before the Supreme Court.
- Article II: Procedure of the Appeal Hearing.
- I. Reading of the Appeal
 - II. Opening Statements
 - A. Appealing Party
 - B. Non-Appealing Party
 - III. Calling of Witnesses, Entering of New Evidence or Testimony, Cross Examinations, and Direct Examinations
 - A. Appealing Party – The Appealing Party shall present their new evidence or testimony and question their witness(es). The procedure of questioning for each witness of the Appealing Party shall be as follows:
 1. Appealing Party questions
 2. Non-Appealing Party cross examines
 3. Appealing Party direct
 - B. Non-Appealing Party – The Non-Appealing Party shall present their new evidence or testimony and question their witness(es). The procedure of questioning for each witness of the Non-Appealing Party shall be as follows:
 1. Non-Appealing Party questions
 2. Appealing Party cross examines
 3. Non-Appealing Party direct
 - IV. Closing Statements.
 - A. Appealing Party
 - B. Non-Appealing Party
 - V. Verdict – The Supreme Court shall render a decision based solely upon the evidence and testimony presented.

STATUTE L-1**STATUTE CONCERNING: THE DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY****Article I: The Speaker of the Assembly.**

- A. Shall be the Chairperson of the Assembly.
 1. They shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly, or notify the Assistant Speaker and President of their absence.
 2. They shall have no vote in the Assembly, unless their vote would decide the matter.
 3. They shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an accurate, current, and dated public file containing all passed legislation and resolutions as explained in Statute L-16.
 4. They shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an accurate, current and dated public file containing minutes to all meetings of the legislative branch, including the Assembly and the Assembly's standing committees.
 5. They shall be responsible for selecting and chairing the Assembly Orientation committee as outlined in Statute L-2.
 6. Shall record the Committee assignments of representatives, and the persons appointed to committees of the college community. All representatives must sit on at least one committee.
 7. Shall be chosen from the Association's Representative Assembly and elected by a majority vote of said representatives; elections held according to Statute L-10.
 8. The Speaker's term shall last one legislative year.
 - a. The legislative year shall commence at the swearing in of the newly elected representatives in the fall semester and end at the next swearing in of newly elected representatives in the next fall semester.
- B. Shall set the agenda for Assembly meetings and shall make said agenda available no later than two hours before the Assembly meeting.
- C. Shall nominate, with the approval of the General Assembly, and appoint an Assistant Speaker. The Assistant Speaker shall chair the Rules Committee.
- D. Shall act as chairperson of the Rules Committee until the appointment and approval of an Assistant Speaker. As acting chair they will hold the ability to nominate and appoint members to the Rules Committee, with the approval of the Assembly.
- E. Shall, at the request of the Assembly, create any statutes or resolutions to be considered by the appropriate standing committee(s).
- F. Shall forward legislation to appropriate committee(s).
- G. Shall oversee the duties and responsibilities of the legislative committees.
- H. Shall, at the recommendation of the Executives, have the power to freeze the funding of any recognized organization with a 2/3 consent of the Assembly.
- I. Shall hold nine (9) office hours per week and attend the Interoffice Board meetings.
- J. In the absence of a Chair of the Elections Committee, the Speaker of the Assembly shall be responsible for conducting the elections and

referendums of the Association, and shall certify all election and referendum documents with consent of the Assembly.

- K. Shall act as coordinator of the assignment of representatives on various departments, commissions, and committees.
- L. Shall acquire an extensive technical knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, and policies of the Association.
- M. Shall act as a liaison between the Assembly and the Executives.
- N. Shall serve the Assembly as a facilitator of member cooperation.
- O. Should the Offices of President and Vice-President become vacant, the Speaker, in addition to becoming chairperson of the Assembly shall hold a seat on both University Senate and the College Council for a period of one (1) week until such time as the Assembly can fill those vacancies on a temporary basis.
 - 1. In the event of the aforementioned vacancies, the Speaker may be appointed to the University Senate and the College Council until such time as the new executives can be sworn in.
 - 2. Unless new Executives have been elected, or in the process of being elected through the normal electing process, a special election shall be held. Special elections need to be held prior to start of Executive Elections.

Article II: The Speaker of the Assembly, still being a representative, remains responsible for all representative duties.

Article III: The Speaker of the Assembly in respect to committees.

- A. May sit on only one college committee.
- B. Is considered an ex-officio member of all committees and will have their presence recorded in the minutes of all committees when in attendance.

Article IV: The Assistant Speaker.

- A. Shall chair the Rules Committee.
- B. Shall ensure that items reported out of the Rules Committee contain one of the following recommendations:
 - 1. That the item passed without amendment.
 - 2. That the item passed with amendment.
 - 3. That the item was defeated.
- C. Shall chair the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker.
- D. Shall become Acting Speaker of the Assembly, fulfilling all duties of the position of the Speaker, should the office of Speaker become vacant, serving the remainder of the legislative one year term.
- E. Assist the Speaker in the formation of the Assembly agenda.
- F. Acquire an extensive technical knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, and policies of the Association.
- G. Attend all meetings of the Representative Assembly with the same absentee privileges as any other member of the Assembly.
- H. Shall nominate and appoint members to the Rules Committee with the approval of the Assembly.

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STATUTE L-2

STATUTE CONCERNING: ORIENTATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

- Article I: The Orientation Committee shall have the following membership.
- A. The Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as Chairperson.
 - B. The Comptroller.
- Article II: It shall be the duty of the Orientation Committee to educate the representatives on the duties pertinent to their functioning in the Student Association. The Orientation Committee shall meet at the beginning of each semester.

STATUTE L-3

STATUTE CONCERNING: REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article I: Procedure

- A. Be it resolved that the following items contained herein shall be official rules of procedure for the Representative Assembly for use in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order.
1. On any question of a main motion, the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the Assembly may call for a roll call vote.
 2. Any member of the Assembly who makes a motion is not mandated to vote in favor of that motion.
 3. Any member of the Assembly who makes a motion has the right to speak first if they so desire.
 4. All meetings of the Representative Assembly, its standing committees, and ad-hoc committees shall be open to all members of the Association and other interested persons, unless a majority of the Representative Assembly declares a meeting closed and the Speaker of the Assembly agrees that the reasoning for closing the meeting are in accordance with the New York State Open Meeting Law.
 - a. In accordance with Resolution 4, we will follow the New York State Freedom of Information Law and Open Meeting Law in all regards except with respect to the minutes. Minutes shall follow the laws except for printing of the vote; voting shall be kept on file and open to the public in the Student Association office.
 5. Any member of the Association may address the Assembly.
 6. In cases of appeal to the decision of the chair, any member of the Association may speak only once to the appeal.
 7. All rulings and/or decisions of the chair shall be recorded and kept on file for a period of one legislative year. Members of the Assembly shall be informed in a proper manner of these decisions.
 8. A quorum shall be defined as one more than one-half (1/2) of the total number of Representatives of the Assembly. All Representatives excused or unexcused shall count against quorum. There will be no quorum requirements other than the members present for the first three meetings of the academic year. The first meeting of the Assembly shall be advertised on all campus media that is available at the time for a period of at least three class days.
 9. A tabled motion shall automatically be placed under General Orders in the agenda for the next meeting.
 10. A second Roll Call will be taken of the Representatives and the Constituted groups preceding adjournment.
 11. The agenda of the Assembly shall be constructed as follows:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Concerns of the Audience

Consent Agenda

Reports

Judicial Branch

Chief Justice

Legislative Branch

- The Speaker of the Assembly
- The Ad-Hoc Committees
- Elections Committee
 - i. Chairperson

Executive Branch

- The President
- The Vice President
- The Comptroller
- The Executive Departments and Cabinet

Special Orders

General Orders

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

- B. Any member of the Association (representative or non-representative) may place a motion on the floor of the Assembly. This motion must then be seconded by an elected representative of the General Assembly. The motion, once introduced in the Assembly, will take the proper legislative process.

Article II: Attendance

- A. Assembly persons will only be excused from the Assembly meetings for the following excuses:
 - 1. When they are on official business of the Association.
 - 2. For an academic class only twice per semester; a subsequent absence will count as unexcused.
 - 3. For an illness provided that the chairperson of the Assembly is notified beforehand.
 - 4. Any additional reasons as approved by the Speaker of the Assembly
- B. Attendance at Student Association Representative Assembly Meetings shall be mandatory. Assembly persons shall be allowed two (2) full unexcused absences per semester. Removal shall be automatic when an Assembly person misses more than the allowed absences.
- C. If an assembly person misses a Roll Call without an approved excuse from the Speaker of the Assembly, they shall be assigned a half (1/2) unexcused absence for each Roll Call missed. Members of the Assembly shall not leave an Assembly meeting without raising a point of personal privilege in order that they may be allowed to leave the meeting

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STATUTE L-4
STATUTE CONCERNING: ASSEMBLY CHAIRPERSONSHIP

- Article I: The chairpersonship normally rests with the Speaker of the Assembly.
- Article II: Should the Speaker notify the Student Association office of their absence for an Assembly meeting, the Assistant Speaker shall assume the chairpersonship of the Assembly until such time as the Speaker returns. In the event that the position of Assistant Speaker is vacant, the Vice President of the Association shall act as chair until such time as the Speaker returns or an Assistant Speaker is appointed and passed in the procedure outlined in statute.
- Article III: Should the Office of the Speaker become vacant, the Assistant Speaker shall become Chairperson of the Assembly until such time as a new Speaker is elected. As Chairperson, the Assistant Speaker shall take over duties within the Orientation Committee and have all other duties and powers of the Speaker with regards to the operation of the Assembly.
- Article IV: Should the Offices of President and Vice-President become vacant, the Speaker, in addition to becoming chairperson of the Assembly shall hold a seat on both University Senate and the FSA Board for a period of one (1) week until such time as the Assembly can fill those vacancies on a temporary basis.
1. In the event of the aforementioned vacancies, the Speaker may be appointed to the College Council and FSA Board until such time as the new executives can be sworn in.
 2. Unless new Executives have been elected, or in the process of being elected through the normal electing process, a special election shall be held. Special elections need not be held after October 15th, as this is usually the beginning of the normal Executive Elections.
- Article V: Should the Offices of Speaker and Assistant Speaker become vacant, a majority of the Assembly may call a meeting of itself and elect a Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have all of the powers and duties stated in L-1 and shall serve until a new Speaker is elected for the remaining term by the Assembly. If the Office of the President also becomes vacant, the Chairperson shall serve until new Executives can be sworn in. Special elections shall be held if necessary.

STATUTE L-5
STATUTE CONCERNING: CLASS DELEGATIONS

Article I: Vacant Assembly Seats.

- A. Should vacancies occur within the Assembly, the majority of the class delegation in which the vacancies occur shall nominate eligible individuals to fill representative vacancies.
 - 1. A letter of nomination signed by the nominating members of the delegation and an original letter of intent from the person wishing to obtain the Representative seat must be submitted to the Speaker of the Assembly in order to be placed on the agenda of the Rules Committee.
- B. The Assembly shall confirm said nominees by a regular majority vote. Representatives elected thus shall serve until the next representative election.

STATUTE L-6

STATUTE CONCERNING: STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Article I: The Rules Committee.

- A. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for the formulation and review of the following:
 - 1. All proposed legislation, including constitutions, charters, and acknowledgments.
 - 2. All proposed appointments.
 - 3. All Assembly Rules of Procedure as outlined in Statute L-3.
 - 4. Any measure that fails the Rules Committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative roll call vote in the General Assembly to be overturned.
- B. The Committee shall have the following membership:
 - 1. The Speaker shall act as chairperson until the appointment and approval of an Assistant Speaker, at which time the Speaker shall step down from the committee.
 - 2. The Assistant Speaker shall then serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.
 - 3. No more than twelve (12) members, excluding the Assistant Speaker, with no more than seven (7) of said members being representatives. All members are subject to the approval of the Assembly.
 - 4. The Assistant Speaker may appoint a Vice-Chairperson from among the members of the Committee, subject to the consent of said members.
- C. Items reported out of the Committee shall have one of the following recommendations attached:
 - 1. That the item be passed without amendment.
 - 2. That the item be passed with amendment(s).
 - 3. That the item be defeated.
- D. The committee shall work directly with the Organizational Attorney of the Association on all questions regarding the legal matters of the Association.

Article II: The Budget and Appropriations Committee.

- A. The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall be responsible for the formulation of the following:
 - 1. The annual budget of the Association.
 - 2. All proposed allocations.
 - 3. All proposed re-allocations.
 - 4. All releases.
 - 5. Shall accept or reject proposed re-allocations, or release requests in excess of Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Such actions must be reported to the Assembly and, unless one-third (1/3) of the members object, the actions shall be entered as accepted by the Assembly.
 - 6. Shall be responsible for orienting the treasurers of various financially dependent organizations.

7. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be nominated and, by and with the advice of the Assembly, appointed by the President. They shall further hold the title of Student Comptroller.
 8. Any measure that fails the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative roll call vote in the General Assembly to be overturned.
- B. The Committee shall have the following membership:
 1. The Comptroller, who shall serve as Chairperson.
 2. No more than twelve (12) members, including the Assistant Comptroller, with no more than seven (7) of said members being representatives. All members are subject to the approval of the Assembly.
 - C. The Comptroller will appoint an Assistant Comptroller from among the members of the Student Association. Said appointment is subject to a majority vote of the Assembly.
 - D. Items reported out of the Committee shall have one of the following recommendations attached:
 1. That the item be passed without amendment.
 2. That the item be passed with amendment(s).
 3. That the item is defeated.
 - E. The Committee shall work directly with the Financial Secretary of the Association on all questions regarding the financial matters of the Association.

Article III. The Elections Committee.

- A. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for the following:
 1. To conduct the elections and referendums of the Assembly.
 2. Shall oversee any legislation dealing with Elections, both class and representative. Said legislation will then be forwarded to the Rules Committee to continue the legislative process.
 3. Act as advisory council for the Supreme Court when dealing with group elections.
 4. Any measure that fails the Elections Committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative roll call vote in the General Assembly to be overturned.
- B. The Committee shall have the following membership:
 1. The Chairperson shall be recommended by the outgoing chair, appointed by the President and Speaker, and approved by the Assembly. If the chairperson is unavailable to chair the meeting, the senior most members shall chair in their place.
 2. No more than twelve (12) members, excluding the Chairperson, with no more than seven (7) of said members being representatives. All members are subject to the approval of the Assembly.
- C. Items reported out of the Committee shall have one of the following recommendations attached:
 1. That the item be passed without amendment.
 2. That the item be passed with amendment(s).
 3. That the item be defeated.
- D. The Committee shall work directly with the Organizational Attorney of the Association on all questions regarding the legal matters of the Association.

Article IV: Attendance Requirements for Standing Committees.

1. Attendance at all Student Association standing committee meetings shall be mandatory.
 2. Committee persons shall be allowed two (2) unexcused absences per semester.
 3. Removal from the committee shall be automatic when a committee member misses more than the allowed absences.
 4. Any and all excusable absences will be allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Committee.
 5. A record of the attendance of all Standing Committees shall be submitted weekly to the Speaker of the Assembly.
- A. Non-Standing committees shall decide what requirements they shall use in reference to committee attendance.

STATUTE L-7**STATUTE CONCERNING: PROCEDURES FOR REPRESENTATIVE AND CLASS
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

The Elections Committee shall conduct all representative elections as stipulated in the following statute. The Elections Committee shall be empowered to create regulation except as noted in the Constitution for the running of said elections that are not mentioned herein.

- Article I: Date and time of Representative/Class President Elections.
- A. Elections shall take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the second General Assembly meetings of the Fall Semester.
 - B. Elections shall be held from 9:00am—9:00pm in a place so designated by the Elections Committee, using:
 1. Student Association voting booth.
 2. Write-in ballot.
 3. Absentee ballot.
 4. Optical Scan Ballot.
 5. Electronic Ballot.
 6. Any reliable and appropriate method approved by a majority vote of the Elections Committee and General Assembly.
- Article II: Declarations.
- A. Declarations of Intent forms for Representative Elections and Class President shall be provided by the Chair of Elections and shall be placed on file in the Student Association offices between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm.
 - B. The Elections Committee shall determine the validity of said declarations.
 - C. The deadline for filing declarations shall be 5:00pm on the seventh (7th) day before the opening of polls.
- Article III: Campaigning.
- A. No candidate shall begin campaigning until they have signed their declaration of intent to run for office, and until such time as the Chair of Elections Committee has signed it.
 - B. All campaign materials shall be subject to regulation by the proper building officials and must adhere to the Campus Life posting policies.
 - C. Removal or destruction of campaign materials is prohibited.
 - D. No candidate shall make any slanderous or libelous remarks.
 - E. Candidates shall be responsible for the removal of all literature within the place of elections designated by the Elections Committee before 11:59 pm on the day prior to the election and from the rest of campus within 48 hours after the election has concluded.
 - F. Candidates shall be notified by the chair of the Election Committee of the specific boundaries which are designated around the polling places on the day of elections.
- Article IV: Balloting.
- A. All election and referendum dates shall be set and publicized by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Balloting shall be allowed only on the days and time set forth by the Elections Committee.

- C. Absentee ballots shall be made available to any student desiring one. Any request for an absentee ballot shall be made no later than seven (7) day before the impending election or referendum, and shall be mailed out no later than five days before the polls open. Said absentee ballots shall be due in the Association office when the polls close on the final day of the election or referendum that they have issued for in order for them to be counted.
- D. No election worker may concurrently be a candidate for the office and work for the Elections Committee on the same election.

Article V: Eligibility for SA Representative and Class President.

- A. Any member of the Association wishing to run for any seat of the Representative Assembly (hereafter called Assembly seats), or Class President shall file a declaration of intent to run in the Association offices.
- B. Any member of the Elections Committee who shall file a declaration of intent to run for office shall take a leave of absence from their duties on the Election Committee. Said leave of absence shall run for the duration of the elections (i.e. from the time that a declaration of intent to run for office has been filed to the time of the announcement of said elections has been made public).
- C. The size of each class delegation within the Assembly shall be determined by the most recent set of definite figures available from the Office of the Registrar at the time of the election process.
- D. Members of the Association, for the purpose for candidacy and balloting, shall be divided into class delegations as follows:
 - 1. Freshmen: less than 24 credit hours
 - 2. Sophomore: from 24 through 56 credit hours.
 - 3. Junior: From 57 through 88 credit hours.
 - 4. Senior: any more than 88 credit hours
 - 5. Graduates: anyone pursuing a course of study that exceeds three graduate credit hours, which is to be applied towards a graduate degree at SUNY Fredonia, or has obtained an undergraduate degree at SUNY Fredonia, and is currently enrolled full-time for a second bachelor's degree, teacher certificate or other SUNY Fredonia-approved program.
- E. The Association emphasizes the above outline for credit hour determination of class standing, and also acknowledges that special circumstances do occur. The Association encourages all students to represent their set of peers; therefore special circumstances involving class standing and eligibility shall be brought on a case-by-case basis in front of the Elections Committee before the opening of the polls.

Article VI: Equation for Class President and Representative Slates.

- A. Since each Class President must also be a Class Representative, it is necessary for a potential Class President to also run for Class Representative. The following is an explanation of how the ballots should be tallied and how the voting machine will be set up:
 - 1. Each class delegation will shall hold one (1) representative position for the election of the Class President, only when there are more candidates than positions to fill.

2. The total number of class delegates is determined by using the equation given in statute L-7, Article V, C
3. All individuals running for Class President shall also run for Class Representative of their perspective class.
4. If an individual running for Class President wins the class presidency, but does not win a representative position, a representative position has already been held for them, in the case that there were more candidates than positions to fill.
5. The following is an example of when an individual winning his/her race for class president does not also win their race for class representative. In this case there are eight (8) students running for seven (7) representative positions and two (2) students running for Class President:

*Candidates for Class Representative

Candidate A (10 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Candidate B (2 votes)	← Loses Rep position
Candidate C (20 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Candidate D (21 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Candidate E (22 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Candidate F (23 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Held Slot for Class President	← Class President fills in the case where there are more candidates than positions to fill.
Candidate G (9 votes)	← Wins Rep position
Candidate H (0 votes)	← Loses Rep position

*Candidates for Class President

Candidate A (58 votes)	← Loses Presidential Election
Candidate B (69 votes)	← Wins Presidential Election

According to the above results the following students have been elected to representative positions in order of votes received. With the winner of the Class Presidency receiving the held representative position:

Candidate F (23 votes)
 Candidate E (22 votes)
 Candidate D (21 votes)
 Candidate C (20 votes)
 Candidate A (10 votes)
 Candidate G (9 votes)
 Presidential/Representative Candidate B fills Presidential slot with (69 votes).

- i. Therefore Candidate B, although not winning the representative position in the representative elections, becomes a rep because they won the class presidency. Thus filling the held representative position.
- ii. If the Class President wins both their class presidency and a representative position then the held slot for the Class

President is filled by the another representative candidate seeking election in order of majority votes received.

Article VII: Acceptance of Office for Student Association Representatives and Class Presidents.

1. Newly elected Representatives and Class Presidents shall attend the weekly General Assembly meeting following the announcement of election results.
2. Newly elected Representatives shall attend the orientation meeting as stipulated within the Association's statutes. The orientation date and time will be set by the Speaker of the Assembly.
3. Any tie situations shall be resolved by a special election. A special election shall be considered either:
 - a. General election by the respective Association class members of said delegation.
 - b. Election by the representatives of said delegation. In this case a majority vote, taken by means of secret ballot, will be taken by the respective class representatives to determine the outcome of the tie.
4. No member of the Association may hold the following concurrently:
 - c. Two voting positions in the Assembly
 - d. The office of President, Vice-President, Comptroller, Supreme Court Justices and an Assembly seat.

Article VIII: Enforcement.

- A. The Supreme Court shall be responsible for the enforcement of any violations of these rules.
- B. Any member of the Association may file a complaint or charges regarding these procedures. The Chairperson of the Elections Committee shall be empowered to file charges on the behalf of the said committee.
- C. The Supreme Court shall hear any charges of election procedure violations within seventy-two (72) hours of their filing and render a decision within one (1) week of the filing of said charges.
- D. In all cases, the candidate(s) involved shall be notified of any proceedings against them.
- E. All charges must be filed before the ratification of the election results.

Article IX: Announcement and Certification.

- A. The results of the Representative/Class Presidential Election shall be announced immediately after the tallying of the votes.
- B. The election shall be certified by the Assembly, by a majority vote after New Business has concluded at the first General Assembly meeting following the elections.

Article X: Constituted Groups requirement to sit for Representative/Class Presidential Elections.

- A. All Constituted organizations shall be required to designate member(s) of their organization to serve at the election booth during elections. Said personnel and the number of individuals serving the election booth are set and subject to approval upon majority vote of the Elections Committee.

- Article XI: It shall be the duty of the Chair of Elections to schedule persons to serve at the election tables. Any method established must be approved by the Elections Committee and then by the President of the Association. All properly requirements, procedures and deadlines will be enforced as stated:
- A. All groups who fail to adhere to the methods established by the Elections Committee shall have to appear before the Supreme Court.
 - B. Exceptions to the set policy can only be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee and approval of the Association President.
- Article XII: In the occurrence of the entire Elections Committee is running for Representative/Class Elections, the Rules Committee will take over the election under the direction of the Speaker of the Association.
- Article XIII: When the Declaration of Intent forms are released for signing, Interoffice Board members must remain impartial to any potential candidate, unless the Interoffice Board member is participating in the election. Questions concerning position responsibilities may be answered so long as impartiality is maintained.

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STATUTE L-8

STATUTE CONCERNING: PROCEDURE FOR EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

- Article I: Date and time of Executive Elections.
- A. Student Association Executive elections will be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week in November.
 - B. Elections shall be held from 9:00am – 9:00pm in a place so designated by the Committee.
- Article II: Declarations.
- A. Declaration of Intent forms for Executive Elections shall be provided by the Chair of Elections and shall be placed on file in the Student Association offices between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm no later than one month prior to the set election date.
 - B. The Elections Committee shall determine the validity of said declarations.
 - C. The deadline for filing declarations shall be 5:00pm on the fourteenth (14th) day before the opening of the polls.
- Article III: Campaigning.
- A. No candidate shall utilize Student Association funds or school property to aid in their campaigning until they have signed their declaration of intent to run for office, and until such time as the Chair of Elections has signed it.
 - B. All campaign materials shall be subject to regulation by the proper building officials.
 - C. No forms of campaign literature shall be affixed to any doors on campus.
 - D. There shall be no campaigning that shall either temporarily or permanently deface college property (i.e. no writing on buildings, sidewalks, trees).
 - E. Vandalizing of campaign materials is prohibited.
 - F. Sound equipment shall only be operated on campus with the approval of the Elections Committee.
 - G. There will be no campaigning within the Williams Center or other previously specified boundaries for elections while voting is being held. The Elections Committee will determine the proper distance for campaigning for each election and shall notify all parties of such restrictions.
 - H. It shall only be permissible for the Elections Committee to encourage voting within the Williams Center or other previously specified boundaries where elections are being held during any election or referendum.
 - I. No candidate shall make any false or slanderous remarks.
 - J. Candidates shall be responsible for the removal of all literature within the Williams Center or other previously specified boundaries where elections are being held before the election and from the rest of campus within forty-eight (48) hours after the election has been concluded.
 - K. Campaign apparel will be allowed within the boundaries cited in L-8 Article III Section G with the exception of loitering or active campaigning with said apparel.
 - L. All candidates must take every reasonable action to ensure that all of their supporters obey all campaign rules.

- Article IV: Campaign Funding.
- A. Student Association funding for slates campaigning for the Executive offices shall not exceed \$125.00 per slate.
 - B. Expenses of the candidates not exceeding this amount shall be approved through the purchase order system of the Association. No Student Association funds shall be made available to the candidate except through this procedure.
 - C. An allocation of funds shall not be released to said Executive slates until their declaration of intent has been signed by the Chair of Elections or their designee.

- Article V: Balloting.
- A. All Executive Election dates shall be set and publicized by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Balloting shall be allowed only on the days and times set forth for that purpose except absentee ballots.
 - C. Absentee ballots shall be made available to any student desiring one. Any request for an absentee ballot shall be made no later than seven (7) days before the impending election or referendum, and shall be mailed out no later than five (5) days before the polls open. Said absentee ballots shall be due in the Association office when the polls close on the final day of the election or referendum that they have issued for in order for them to be counted.
 - D. All polling places shall be open from 9:00am – 9:00pm.
 - E. No election worker may concurrently be a candidate for the office and work for the Elections Committee on the same election.
 - F. Members of the Association wishing to cast ballots shall show their current, valid student identification card to an election worker and initial their name next to their printed name on the computer printout registration list for that election or referendum. Errors on the computer list shall be corrected by the Office of the Registrar.

- Article VI: Eligibility.
- A. Any member of the Association wishing to run for an Executive position shall file a declaration of intent for an office (President or Vice President) in the Student Association offices.
 - 1. No candidate for the office of President or Vice President shall have a cumulative GPA of below 2.50. All candidates must have their grades confirmed by the Administrative Assistant before they may file a declaration of intent.
 - B. Any member of the Association wishing to run for the office of President or Vice President shall be required to have a slated of two candidates, which shall be filed in the Student Association offices.
 - C. If there is only one slate for the President / Vice President election, a second may be established up to seven (7) days prior to the set election date. The additional slate will not be eligible for funds from the election fund.
 - D. No candidate for the office of President or Vice President shall be on suspension in abeyance.

- E. All candidates for office of President and Vice President must be cleared by Student Affairs to ensure that they meet these eligibility requirements.

Article VII: Acceptance of Office.

- A. The Executives-Elect shall be oriented by the Elections Committee with the assistance of the outgoing Executives presently in office. The executives-elect shall assume office at the beginning of the following academic semester as stipulated by the State University of New York College at Fredonia.

Article VIII: Enforcement.

- A. The Supreme Court shall be responsible for the enforcement of any violations of these rules.
- B. Any member of the Association may file a complaint or charges regarding these procedures. The Chairperson of the Elections Committee shall be empowered to file charges on the behalf of the said committee.
- C. The Supreme Court shall hear any charges for election procedure violations after the polls close on the Wednesday of elections and before any election results are known. This shall supersede statute J-4 Article II section C.
- D. All candidates must make themselves available to attend court on the Wednesday of elections following the closing of the polls should any charges be filed against them.
- E. In all cases, the candidate(s) involved shall be notified of any proceedings against them.
- F. All charges must be filed by the ratification of the election results.
- G. In the event that charges are filed, the election results will be held by the Elections Committee until a verdict is decided.

Article IX: Announcement and Certification.

- A. The results of Executive Elections shall be announced immediately after tallying of the votes, unless charges have been filed previous.
- B. The election shall be certified by the Assembly by a majority vote at the first meeting following the aforementioned elections.

Article X: Constituted Groups and Student Association Representatives requirements for sitting Executive Elections.

- A. All Constituted organizations shall be required to designate member(s) of their organization to serve at the election booth during the elections. Said personnel are subject to approval upon majority vote of the Elections Committee.
- B. All members of the General Assembly and the current Executives not running will be required to sit during the election process at designated times. If there is a conflict with sitting during a scheduled time than the Speaker of the Assembly may appoint them to special duties pertaining to the Executive Election.

Article XI: It shall be the duty of the Speaker to schedule persons to serve at the election tables. Any method established must be approved by the Elections Committee

and then by the President of the Association. All properly establish requirements, procedures and deadlines will be enforced as stated:

- A. All groups who fail to adhere to the methods established by the Election Committee shall have to appear before the Supreme Court.
- B. Exceptions to the set policy can only be granted by a majority vote of the Rules Committee and approval of the Association.

Article XII: In the occurrence of the entire Elections Committee and the Chair of Elections Committee running for election seats, the Rules Committee will oversee the Election, under the direction of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Article XIII: When the Declaration of Intent forms are released for signing, Interoffice Board members must remain impartial to any potential candidate, unless the Interoffice Board member is participating in the election. Questions concerning position responsibilities may be answered so long as impartiality is maintained.

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STATUTE L-9

STATUTE CONCERNING: PROCEDURES FOR REFERENDUMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Article I: Referendum.
- A. The nature of any referendum shall be determined as binding or advisory through the Elections Committee after deciding its validity, and brought to a majority vote by the Assembly.
 - B. The Assembly through a recommendation of the Rules Committee shall bring the wording of any referendum to a majority vote.
 - C. Dates will be proposed by the Elections Committee for any and all referendums, which have been passed with a majority vote of the Assembly.
- Article II: Procedure.
- A. Should the Elections Committee determine that a referendum vote is necessary the following procedure should be followed:
 2. Referendums can occur anytime in an academic year as long as they are in accordance with all Student Association electoral procedures.
 3. If Referendums are taking place in the Fall semester, said referendum(s) should be placed on the ballot along with either the representative or executive election slates.
 4. If the Elections Committee determines a referendum vote is necessary, the same criteria for election dates, times, and campaign procedures as stated in the L statutes will be followed for the referendum.
 5. A majority vote shall be sufficient to obtain ratification of a referendum.
 6. The Elections Committee will determine the proper distance for campaigning for each election and shall notify all parties of such restrictions.
- Article III: Enforcement.
- A. The Supreme Court shall be responsible for the enforcement of any violations of these rules.
 - B. Any member of the Association may file a complaint or charges regarding these procedures. The Chairperson of the Elections Committee shall be empowered to file charges on the behalf of the said committee.
 - C. The Supreme Court shall hear any charges of referendum procedure violations within forty-eight (48) hours of their filing and render a decision within seventy-two (72) hours of the filing of said charges.
 - D. The Assembly shall be notified of said charges at the time of filing.
 - E. All charges must be filed by 5:00 PM of the day following the announcement of the election results.
- Article IV: Announcement and Certification.
- A. The results of any referendum shall be announced immediately after the tallying of the votes.
 - B. The Assembly shall certify the referendum by a majority vote at the first meeting following the aforementioned appeal period.

- Article V: During a referendum all members of the General Assembly and the Executives not running or associated with the said referendum question(s) will be required to sit during the referendum process a designated times. If there is a problem as to the time, then the Chair of Elections may appoint them to special duties.
- Article VI. All Constituted organizations shall be required to designate member(s) of their organizations to serve at the election booth during elections. Said personnel and the number of individuals serving the election booth are set and subject to approval upon majority vote of the Elections Committee.
- Article VII: It shall be the duty of the Chairperson of Elections to schedule persons to serve at the Referendum tables. Any method established must be approved by the Elections Committee and then by the President of the Association. All properly established requirements, procedures and deadlines will be enforced as stated:
- A. All groups and members of the Assembly who fail to adhere to the methods established by the Elections Committee shall have to appear before the Supreme Court.
 - B. Exceptions to the set policy can only be granted by a majority vote of the Elections Committee and approval of the Association President.
- Article VIII: In the occurrence of the entire Elections Committee and the Chairperson of Elections running on the same ballot as the referendum or associated with the said referendum question(s), the Rules Committee will oversee the election under the direction of the Speaker of the Assembly.

STATUTE L-10

STATUTE CONCERNING: ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

- Article I: Nominations.
- A. Any current Student Association Class Representative may run for the position of Speaker of the Assembly.
 - B. Under the procedure of nominations the Chairperson of the Assembly will open the floor of nominations.
 - C. The Chairperson will then recognize members with Nominations. No second is required however an unlimited amount of members can and should be encouraged to second the nomination to indicate endorsement.
 - D. After the Chairperson has asked the question “Are there any further nominations?” to the floor of the Assembly and the question goes unanswered then the chairperson shall close the nominations.
- Article II: Elections.
- A. Under the procedure of election the chairperson will open the floor to a short optional speech by the prospective nominees.
 - B. After each nominee has been given the opportunity to speak Executive session will be convened.
 - C. Prior to balloting the chairperson must appoint tellers for the election. The tellers will distribute and collect the ballots. Voting delegates of the Assembly may not be tellers.
 - D. Secret balloting will then begin with a distribution of ballots to all student representatives with the nominee’s names on them.
 - E. The secret ballots will then be personally handed to the tellers of the election.
 - F. After all ballots have been cast, the chairperson will declare a recess in order for the tellers to count the ballots.
 - G. The ballot totals will be announced before the Assembly ratification.
 - H. The Assembly will then move out of Executive session.
 - I. The Assembly will then move to ratify the election results, which occurred within Executive session.
 - J. After ratification of the election, the new Speaker of the Assembly will assume office as the new Chairperson.
- Article III. Enforcement.
- A. The Supreme Court shall be responsible for the enforcement of any violations of these rules.
 - B. Any member of the Association may file a complaint or charges regarding these procedures. The chairman of the Rules Committee shall be empowered to file charges on the behalf of the said committee.
 - C. The Supreme Court shall hear any charges of election procedure violations within 48 hours of their filing and render a decision within 72 hours of the filing of said charges.
 - D. In all cases, the candidate (s) involved shall be notified of any proceedings against them.
 - E. All charges must be filed by 5:00pm of the day following the announcement of the election results.

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STATUTE L-11

STATUTE CONCERNING: IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article I: Charges.

- A. Charges of impeachment for malfeasance in office may be brought against any officer or representative of the Association by any member of the Association. Such charges shall be conveyed to the Vice- President of the Association and to the accused in writing. If the charges are against the Vice-President of the Association the charges will be placed directly to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- B. The Assembly shall hear such charges and may by two-thirds (2/3) majority Roll Call vote of the Assembly, move to impeach (remove) any officer or representative so charged.
- C. The Assembly shall be presided over by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as to avoid conflicts of interest of the Chair.
 - 1. In the event that the impeachment process is initiated against the Chief Justice, then the Assembly shall be presided over by the most senior Justice of the Supreme Court, as long as they are not the Chief Justice.

Article II: The conduct of an impeachment hearing shall be bound by the following stipulations:

- A. The Assembly shall hear the charges of impeachment no sooner than one (1) week after the charges have been received by the Vice President of the Association, or if charges are placed against the Vice President the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the accused. The Vice President, or in the case of charges being filed against the Vice President, the Chief Justice, will schedule a meeting of the Assembly for the express purpose of hearing the charges.
- B. The Rules Committee shall meet within 24 hours of the charges being filed to determine if the nature of the impeachment charges warrant the suspension of the accused from the position in which capacity the alleged malfeasance took place. Should the accused be the occupant of a stipend-position, they will be suspended with pay.
- C. The individual filing the charges against the accused (plaintiff) shall present the case against the accused to the Assembly with the option of assistance from an advocate. The accused (defendant) shall have the option of self-representation or of choosing an advocate.
- D. The plaintiff and defendant shall inform one another of the identity of witnesses being called on each party's behalf and of any and all evidence being submitted on each party's behalf no later than two business days before the scheduled hearing of charges.

Article III: Procedure of the Hearing.

- A. The Chair directs the secretary to read the charge of malfeasance and specifications.
- B. The Chair asks the accused how he/she pleads- guilty or not guilty- first to each of the specifications in order, and then to the charge of malfeasance.

- C. If a plea of guilty is entered to the charge of Malfeasance, the Assembly shall move directly into Executive session and proceed to the determination of the penalty after hearing a brief statement of the facts from the plaintiff.
- D. If the plea to the charge is not guilty, the trial proceeds in the following order, the Chair first explaining all the steps, then calling for each of them in sequence:
 - 1. Opening statement by both sides (plaintiff first).
 - 2. Testimony of witnesses (for prosecution first), cross-examination, re-direct examination, re- cross-examination of witnesses is permitted, and witnesses can be recalled for further testimony as the occasion may dictate.
 - 3. Closing arguments (plaintiff first). Up until the closing arguments, no one is entitled to the floor except the plaintiff and the defendant.
 - 4. After closing arguments, the accused and the plaintiff shall leave and the Assembly shall move directly into executive session for the deliberation of the evidence.
- E. Deliberation.
 - 1. The Chair states the question on the finding as to the guilt of the accused, as follows: "The question before the Assembly is: Is Mr./Ms. X guilty of the charge of malfeasance and specifications preferred against them?"
 - 2. Each specification and the charge shall be read separately, opened to debate separately, and voted on separately by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority vote is required to find guilt on the individual specifications and the main charge.
 - 3. If the accused is found guilty of one or more of the specifications, but not of the charge, a lesser charge shall be moved and voted on.
 - 4. If the accused is found guilty, a debatable and amenable motion shall be made to set the penalty. A two-thirds vote shall be required to set the penalty. The penalty of impeachment and expulsion from office shall only be set if the accused is found guilty or declares guilt of the main charge of malfeasance.
 - 5. Immediately after the establishment of the penalty, the Assembly shall move out of executive session and advise the accused of the result.

Article IV: Appeals of Assembly Decision.

- A. At any time, a new trial shall be granted by the Assembly should the Chief Justice or two-thirds of the Assembly agree that the accused has new evidence pertinent to the case that may affect the decision.
- B. Should the accused believe that the trial was held in violation of the Constitution, Statutes or that the conduct of the trial was in violation, they may transmit to the Chair of the Enforcement Review Board a request for the review of the trial of the Enforcement Review Board within 48 hours of the Assembly's decision.
 - 1. The Enforcement Review Board shall be empowered only to review whatever record of the trial exists (i.e. minutes, videotapes, etc.) in order to determine the legality of the trial.

Article V: Removal from Office.

- A. Any officer or representative of the Association impeached by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly shall be removed from office.
- B. Should the impeachment be overturned by the Enforcement Review Board before the end of the term of the individual impeached, the current occupant of the office shall relinquish that office and the accused shall be reinstated.

STATUTE L-12

STATUTE CONCERNING: STUDENT SEAT ON COLLEGE COUNCIL

Article I: Seat shall be held by the President of the Student Association or their delegate.
 This position is a direct appointment, and does not have to pass through the
 Rules Committee.

STATUTE L-13

STATUTE CONCERNING: CLASS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Article I: Class Presidents.

- A. Each Class President shall be elected as a voting representative in the Association General Assembly and shall be the official representative and spokesperson for their class, serving on committees in this capacity as necessary.
- B. The Class President may preside at all general meetings of the class, keeping in contact with their elected class representatives throughout the semester.
- C. The Class Presidents may represent their respective class and delegations to request money from the Student Association, Faculty Student Association, or any other organization from which funds will be solicited.
- D. The Class President may organize and coordinate any special events or activities sponsored by their respective classes.
- E. The Class President may organize fund raising projects for their respective classes.
- F. The term of office of the Class Presidency shall be one year.
- G. The Vice President shall be appointed by the Class President from the Class Representatives that are elected to their respective delegation.
- H. Candidates must be bona fide members of the Student Association at the time of their election and must maintain their membership in the Association during their time in office. Loss of membership in the Association will result in the loss of office.
- I. Candidates must be members of their respective classes as determined using the same criteria which is used to determine class membership for Assembly representatives.
- J. Elections for Class Presidents shall be held at the same time as elections to the Representative Assembly.
- K. Impeachment and removal from office procedures for either Class President or Class Vice President shall be the same as those for Assembly Representatives as outlined in Statute L-11 of the Association.

Article II: Class Vice President.

Section I:

- A. In the event that the Class President is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, their position shall be filled by the Class Vice President.
- B. In the event that the Class Vice President is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, their position shall be filled at the discretion of the Class President.

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STATUTE L-14

**STATUTE CONCERNING: REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

Article I: The Student Association, being a full member of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, shall send voting delegates to the biannual conferences.

A. As per the State University of New York Board of Trustees Policies and the Bylaws of the State University of New York Student Assembly, selection and election of voting delegates shall be as follows:

1. Each member institution of the Student Assembly shall have one representative for each full-time 4,000 equivalent students or fraction thereof. Full-time equivalent students shall be the number of full-time equivalent students in attendance at a member institution during the fall semester of the previous calendar year, as determined by the State University of New York.
2. The first representative of each member institution shall be that institution's student government president.
 - a. If the student government president does not wish to attend conference as a voting delegate, they shall appoint a replacement who will serve as a voting delegate at that conference.
3. Additional representatives from member institutions, which exceed the 4,000 FTE base enrollment, shall be duly elected annually from among and by the students of that institution through a campus wide election in accordance with procedures promulgated by the campus student government body.
 - a. In the absence of a campus wide election, voting delegates will be elected by the Representatives of the General Assembly in an election following the same procedure of the Speaker of the Assembly Election as outlined in L-10.

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STATUTE L-15
STATUTE CONCERNING: GA DAY

- Article I: Be it resolved that the following items contained herein this document shall be used as a guide for the annual GA Day meeting.
- A. The agenda for the meeting shall be constructed as follows:
 - I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Approval of the Minutes
 - II. Special Orders
 - A. President's Report
 - B. Budget Reports
 - 1. Statement of the Constituted groups if they are satisfied or unsatisfied with their budget.
 - 2. Statements of the unsatisfied group(s) will begin at the top of the alphabetical list.
 - C. Budget discussion
- Article II: Stipulations.
- A. No funds can be moved until budget discussion.
 - B. New or proposed legislation cannot be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. If legislation should arise during the meeting, it can only be added or discussed during budget discussion (Article I, Letter A, Number 1, Section 2, Letter C).
- Article III: Attendance.
- A. Attendance for this meeting shall be required by all Representatives of the Assembly and for all Constituted groups for the entire meeting. If either a representative or a Constituted group violates this, it is up to the discretion of the Student Comptroller or Speaker to place any charges against them.

STATUTE L-16

STATUTE CONCERNING: MAINTAINING LEGISLATIVE RECORDS

- Article I: Maintenance of Legislative Records.
- A. All legislative records described in this statute must be maintained by the Speaker of the Assembly.
 - B. Files containing the Constitution and Statutes of the Association must be made available to the public in the Association offices. These must be in their most updated form. Each Statute, as well as the Constitution, must have its own file.
 - C. When a change is made to the Constitution and Statutes of the Association, the following records must be added to the relevant file for future reference:
 1. Any additions, removals or changes to the old statute clearly identified
 2. The minutes to all meetings the topic was discussed in
 3. A legislative form containing any and all pertinent information regarding the legislation, including the dates it was proposed, discussed and changed; how it came into operation; final vote in both the Rules Committee and the Assembly; etc.
 4. Any other information or documents the Speaker determines relevant, such as consenting, assenting and dissenting opinions.

STATUTE L-17
STATUTE CONCERNING: THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Article I: Process.

- A. There shall be a proscribed process for the approval of changes to statutes, the introduction of new statutes, and amendments to the Constitution, to be described for the purposes of this statute as legislation.
- B. This process shall supersede any other process of introducing changes to statutes, the introduction of new statutes, or amendments to the Constitution.
 - 1. Amendments to the Constitution shall follow the process proscribed by the Constitution, in addition to the process described in this statute.
- C. The process shall be as follows:
 - 1. Any Class Representative, voting member of the General Assembly, Elected or Appointed Officer of the Student Association, or Member of the Executive Board, shall present to the Speaker of the Assembly any new legislation, at which point the Speaker shall offer counsel and advisement on form and content.
 - a. The Speaker shall not, at this point, maintain any authority to approve or deny the legislation.
 - 2. The legislation shall then be brought before the Rules Committee at the next scheduled session, at which point normal committee procedures shall be followed.
 - a. If failed, the legislation shall be placed under the Speaker's report, and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass, as per L-6, Article 1, Letter A.
 - 3. If approved, the legislation shall then be brought before the General Assembly at the next scheduled session.
 - 4. A vote shall then proceed as to whether or not the legislation shall be passed.

Article II: Miscellany.

- A. It shall be the right of the person or persons who presented the legislation to speak in defense of the legislation at the Rules Committee and General Assembly.
- B. A final copy of the new legislation shall be included in the Minutes for the following week's General Assembly.

STATUTE L-18

STATUTE CONCERNING: REPRESENTATION OF GROUPS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article I: Representation of Constituted Groups.

- A. Class Representatives shall also have the right to represent Constituted groups at meetings of the General Assembly.
- B. It is preferred that students from Constituted groups, who are not Class Representatives, represent their organization at meetings of the General Assembly.

Article II: Representation of All Other Groups.

- A. Any group which requires representation at the General Assembly must send a delegate from their organization, who may not, unless given permission by the Speaker of the Assembly, be a Class Representative.
- B. Delegates of non-Constituted groups shall sign in with the Speaker of the Assembly before the meeting is called to order.
- C. Unless given permission by the Speaker, the delegate who signed in with the Speaker shall remain the sole representative of their organization until the end of the meeting.

STATUTE L-19**STATUTE CONCERNING: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES****Article I: Responsibilities of the Representatives.**

- A. All representatives will attend Representative Orientation. Representative Orientation must be held before the Student Assembly reconvenes, following the certification of the Representative Elections.
- B. All new representatives, within one month of the date on which they assume office, must attend all three standing committee meetings as well as the Supreme Court; the standing committees are as follows:
 1. The Rules Committee
 2. The Budget and Appropriations Committee
 3. The Elections Committee
- C. Representatives, who fail to attend these meetings within the specified period of time, shall be prohibited from voting on any business before the Assembly until they have completed their orientation requirements.
- D. All representatives, within three (3) weeks of the date on which they assumed office, must become a member of any one of the various departments, commissions, or committees of the Association or have a letter of intent submitted to any committee requiring one.
- E. Representatives who fail to become a member of either a department or committee shall be prohibited from voting on any business before the Assembly until they have completed their assignment requirements.
- F. Representatives must pick up their minutes and sign in at the designated area by the Student Association Speaker prior to the hour before the General Assembly meeting of each week.
- G. Those representatives who fail to sign in will have their voting rights suspended for the said meeting.
- H. All Representatives shall become acquainted with the procedures of Robert's Rules and of the Assembly (refer to Statute L-3).
- I. It will be the duty of the Speaker to remove the said list one (1) hour prior to each General Assembly meeting.

Article II: Rules Pertaining to the Official Liaison Member Representatives.

- A. The Faculty University Senate shall be considered the governing faculty body.
- B. The presiding President of the State University of New York at Fredonia shall be considered the Chief Executive Officer of the college.
- C. Official Member Representatives shall not be required to attend Representative Orientation, shall not be required to fulfill the committee attendance requirements, nor shall they be required to hold membership in either a department, commission, or committee of the Student Association
- D. Should an Official Liaison Member Representative be required to resign before the conclusion of their term, they are required to send a notice of resignation to both the Speaker of the Assembly and the position's appointing power.

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STATUTE O-1

STATUTE CONCERNING: ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE ASSOCIATION

- Article I: Recognition.
- A. All organizations intending to be recognized by the Association must be approved by the General Assembly by a simple majority.
 - B. The Association shall not recognize:
 - 1. Groups who have the same primary purpose and primarily the same membership of another singular group.
 - 2. Organizations that students are required to be members of in order to receive academic credit.
 - 3. Organizations that students are required to be members of in order to graduate.
 - C. Organizations recognized by the Association, hereafter referred to as groups, shall fall into one of the following categories:
 - 1. Endorsed
 - 2. Acknowledged.
 - 3. Chartered.
 - 4. Constituted.
- Article II: Privileges.
- A. All groups recognized by the Association shall have the following privileges for official Association business:
 - 1. Access to the Association copier, fax machine, and telephone codes.
 - 2. Use of the Association Van.
 - 3. Eligibility for use of Association funds in accordance with the level of recognition.
 - 4. Obtain and use of Purchase Orders in accordance with Association guidelines.
 - B. These privileges may be revoked or frozen for a temporary period if groups are found to be in violation of any statute or policy of the Association or College.
- Article III: Responsibility.
- A. Groups shall comply with any and all instructions and statutes of the Association as issued through the proper legislative channels. It is the responsibility of the groups to be familiar with these instructions and statutes.

STATUTE O-2**STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUPS ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION**

Article I: Recognition.

- A. This form of recognition may be granted to any group of fee-paying students as an admission by the Association of their existence as a group.
- B. The following shall be restricted to the status of an endorsed group:
 - 1. Advisory or umbrella groups whose primary purpose:
 - a) Advising or coordinating other Student Association groups.
 - b) Increasing communication between other Student Association groups.
- C. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve endorsed status shall submit a proposed doctrine to the Rules Committee of the Association. The proposed doctrine shall contain the following:
 - 1. Name of the group.
 - 2. Purpose of the group.
 - 3. Membership requirements.
 - 4. Advisement.
 - 5. Executives.
 - 6. Meetings.
 - 7. Finances.
 - 8. Responsibility clause.

Article II: Requirements.

- A. Endorsed groups:
 - 1. Shall keep the Association informed as to the identity of their advisor(s) and executives in the form of a Signature Card to be turned in at the completion of the first Committee of Presidents meeting. The advisor(s) shall be faculty, professional staff member, or graduate assistant of SUNY Fredonia or of a recognized affiliated organization of SUNY Fredonia.
 - 2. Shall renew their endorsement with the Rules Committee and the General Assembly every year during the month of their original endorsement.
 - a. Shall complete the re-recognition form provided by the Speaker by a date and time specified by the Speaker.
 - 3. Shall hold at least one (1) event per academic year.
- B. Presidents and Treasurers of endorsed groups:
 - 1. Shall attend Fall and Spring summit.
 - 2. Shall complete a Post-Event Evaluation, to be submitted to the Vice President of the Association within ten (10) business of an event.

Article III: Provisional Endorsement.

- A. The Vice President of the Association shall be empowered to grant provisional endorsement for a period of twenty-four (24) hours to a group. This provision may occur only once for each group.
- B. These provisionally endorsed groups shall not be privileged to obtain any funds from the Student Association.

STATUTE O-3
STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUPS PROVISIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE
ASSOCIATION

Article I: Recognition.

- A. This form of recognition may be granted to any group of fee-paying students as an admission by the Association of their existence as a group.
- B. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve recognized status shall submit a proposed doctrine to the Rules Committee of the Association. The proposed doctrine shall contain the following:
 - 1. Name of the group.
 - 2. Purpose of the group.
 - 3. Membership requirements
 - 4. Advisement.
 - 5. Executives.
 - 6. Meetings.
 - 7. Finances.
 - 8. Responsibility clause.

Article II: Requirements.

- A. Provisional groups:
 - 1. Shall keep the Association informed as to the identity of their advisor(s) and executives in the form of a Signature Card to be turned in at the completion of the first Committee of Presidents meeting. The advisor(s) shall be faculty, professional staff member, or graduate assistant of SUNY Fredonia or of a recognized affiliated organization of SUNY Fredonia.
 - 2. Shall be required to hold at least two (2) events per full academic year with at least one (1) event per semester.
 - 3. Shall renew their provisional status with the Rules Committee and the General Assembly every year during the month of their original provisional recognition
 - a. Shall complete the re-recognition form provided by the Speaker by a date and time specified by the Speaker.
- B. Presidents of provisional groups:
 - 1. Shall attend all Committee of Presidents meetings.
 - 2. Shall complete a Post-Event Evaluation, to be submitted to the Vice President of the Association within ten (10) business days of an event.
- C. Treasurers of provisional groups:
 - 1. Shall attend both Spring and Fall Summit meetings.

Article III: Conditional Recognition.

- A. The Vice President of the Association shall be empowered to grant conditional recognition for a period of twenty-four (24) hours to a group. This conditional recognition may occur only once for each group.
- B. These conditionally recognized groups shall not be privileged to obtain any funds from the Student Association.

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STATUTE O-4**STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUPS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ASSOCIATION**

Article I: Recognition.

- A. This form of recognition may be granted to any group of fee-paying students as an admission by the Association of their existence as a group.
- B. The following shall be restricted to the status of an acknowledged group:
 - 1. Groups that practice discrimination in membership.
 - 2. Social fraternities, social sororities, honorary groups, and groups that maintain exclusive membership.
- C. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve acknowledged status shall submit a proposed doctrine to the Rules Committee of the Association. The proposed doctrine shall contain the following:
 - 1. Name of the group.
 - 2. Purpose of the group.
 - 3. Membership requirements.
 - 4. Advisement.
 - 5. Executives.
 - 6. Meetings.
 - 7. Finances.
 - 8. Responsibility clause.

Article II: Requirements.

- A. Acknowledged groups:
 - 1. Shall keep the Association informed as to the identity of their advisor(s) and executives in the form of a Signature Card to be turned in at the completion of the first Committee of Presidents meeting. The advisor(s) shall be faculty, professional staff member, or graduate assistant of SUNY Fredonia or of a recognized affiliated organization of SUNY Fredonia.
 - 2. Shall be required to hold at least two (2) events per full academic year.
 - 3. Shall renew their acknowledgement with the Rules Committee and the General Assembly every year during the month of their original acknowledgment.
 - a. Shall complete the re-recognition form provided by the Speaker by a date and time specified by the Speaker.
- B. Presidents of acknowledged groups:
 - 1. Shall attend Fall and Spring Summit.
 - 2. Shall complete an Event Worksheet to be submitted to the Vice President of the Association within ten (10) business days of an event.
- C. Treasurers of acknowledged groups:
 - 1. Shall attend Fall and Spring Summit.

Article III: Provisional Acknowledgment.

- A. The Vice President of the Association shall be empowered to grant provisional acknowledgement for a period of twenty-four (24) hours to a group. This provision may occur only once for each group.
- B. These provisionally acknowledged groups shall not be privileged to obtain any funds from the Student Association.

STATUTE O-5

STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUPS CHARTERED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Article I: Recognition.

- A. This form of recognition may be granted to any group of fee-paying students that:
 - 1. Have been acknowledged by the Association for at least two (2) years.
 - 2. Wish to exist as an organization that actively promotes their purpose campus-wide and serves to better the members of the group.
- B. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve Chartered status shall submit a proposed doctrine to the Rules Committee of the Association. The proposed doctrine shall contain the following:
 - 1. Name of the group.
 - 2. Purpose of the group.
 - 3. Membership requirements.
 - 4. Advisement.
 - 5. Executives.
 - 6. Elections.
 - 7. Meetings.
 - 8. Finances.
 - 9. Responsibility clause.

Article II: Membership.

- A. Membership for Chartered groups shall be open to all fee-paying students.
- B. Exemption to this article shall be granted only to organizations that screen individuals for membership due to:
 - 1. Confidential student information.
 - 2. The safety of the student body.

Article III: Requirements.

- A. Chartered groups:
 - 1. Shall keep the Association informed as to the identity of their advisor(s) and executives in the form of a Signature Card to be turned in at the completion of the first Committee of Presidents meeting. The advisor(s) shall be faculty, professional staff member, or graduate assistant of SUNY Fredonia or of a recognized affiliated organization of SUNY Fredonia.
 - 2. Shall be required to hold at least four (4) events per full academic year. These events shall be open to the entire student body.
 - 3. Shall renew their charter with the Rules Committee and the General Assembly every year during the month of their original charter.
 - a. Shall complete the re-recognition form provided by the Speaker by a date and time specified by the Speaker.

4. Shall submit the Group Election Form to the Chair of the Elections Committee two (2) weeks after their elections are held.

B. Presidents of Chartered groups:

1. Shall attend all Fall and Spring meetings.
2. Shall complete an Event Worksheet to be submitted to the Vice President of the Association within ten (10) business days of an event.

C. Treasurers of Chartered groups:

1. Shall attend Fall and Spring Summit.

STATUTE O-6

STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUPS CONSTITUTED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Article I: Recognition.

- A. This form of recognition may only be granted to any group of fee-paying students that:
 - 1. Have a record of consistent contributions to a significant portion of the student body, the campus community and all of the members of the group.
 - 1a. Academic departments may not use student groups to gain access to student funds for serving that department by providing items which are necessary for the major and or minor
 - 2. Have been Chartered by the Association for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- B. Constituted Recognition may not be bestowed upon a group in the Spring Semester of the Academic Year. Any group seeking Constituted Recognition in the Spring Semester shall remain Chartered until the beginning of the subsequent Fall Semester.
- C. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve Constituted status shall submit a proposed doctrine to the Rules Committee of the Association. The proposed doctrine shall contain the following:
 - 1. Name of the group.
 - 2. Purpose of the group.
 - 3. Membership requirements.
 - 4. Advisement.
 - 5. Executives.
 - 6. Elections.
 - 7. Meetings.
 - 8. Finances.
 - 9. Responsibility clause.
 - 10. Succession and Sustainability Planning
 - 10a. Could include but is not limited to; General Assembly representative orientation, e-board binders or written procedures
- D. Any group of students constituting the executive board of the proposed organization and representing the organization before the Association in order to achieve Constituted status shall submit a proposed budget to the Budget and Appropriations Committee of the Association. The proposed budget shall be prepared in consultation with the Student Comptroller and General Manager of the Association.

Article II: Membership.

- A. Membership for Constituted groups shall be open to all fee-paying students.
- B. Exemption to this article shall be granted only to organizations that screen individuals for membership due to:
 - 1. Confidential student information.
 - 2. The safety of the student body.

C. A screening process may be used to determine level of participation with the approval of the Rules Committee and the General Assembly

Article III: Requirements.

A. Constituted groups:

1. Shall keep the Association informed as to the identity of their advisor(s) and executives in the form of a Signature Card to be turned in at the completion of the first Committee of Presidents meeting. The advisor(s) shall be faculty, professional staff member, or graduate assistant of SUNY Fredonia or of a recognized affiliated organization of SUNY Fredonia.
2. Shall be required to hold at least eight (8) events per academic year. These events shall be open to the entire student body.
3. Shall renew their constitution with the Rules Committee and the General Assembly every year during the fall semester.
 - a. Shall complete the re-recognition form provided by the Speaker by a date and time specified by the Speaker.

B. Presidents of Constituted groups:

1. Shall attend all Fall and Spring Summit meetings.
2. Shall complete an Event Worksheet to be submitted to the Vice President of the Association within ten (10) business days of an event.

C. Treasurers of Constituted groups:

1. Shall attend Fall and Spring Summit.

STATUTE O-7
STATUTE CONCERNING: EVENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Article I: Definition.
- A. An event shall be defined as an activity facilitated and planned by one or more recognized groups of the Association, occurring at a specific time and place on a specific date, that meets the following criteria:
 - 1. It effectively promotes or fulfills the purpose of the group.
 - 2. Its purpose is to educate, entertain, serve, and/or interact with the student body.
 - 3. It falls under any of the following categories:
 - a. Educational.
 - b. Cultural.
 - c. Social.
 - d. Recreational.
 - e. Athletic.
 - f. Religious.
 - g. Philanthropic.
 - B. The following activities shall not be considered an event:
 - 1. Community service done as punishment given by the Supreme Court.
 - 2. Meetings consisting solely of event planning or normal business discussion.
 - 3. Participating in Activities Night solely as an act of publicity.
- Article II: Publicity.
- A. All advertisements for events sponsored by the Association shall adhere to the policies outlined in Statute F-11.
 - B. All advertising shall adhere to the most current Campus Posting Policy set forth by the Office of Campus Life.
- Article III: Any group that wishes to facilitate an activity that does not meet the aforementioned criteria may have it approved by the Vice President of the Association at least one (1) week prior to its occurrence

STATUTE O-8

STATUTE CONCERNING: NON-STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CONSTITUTED ORGANIZATIONS

- Article I: A non-student shall be defined as any individual who is not enrolled at the State University of New York at Fredonia and who has not paid a mandatory activity fee.
- Article II: Non-students shall not be voting members of the Student Association or of any of its Constituted organizations with the exception of organizations that meet the following three conditions:
1. It has a licensing agreement with, and responsibilities to, organizations external to the Student Association and the College.
 2. It receives funding from the College in terms of continuous and consistent services in kind.
 3. It has responsibilities to, and is involved providing services to the community at large.
- Article III: Non-student members of any Constituted organization shall not constitute more than twenty-five (25%) percent of total membership.
- Article IV: Only fee-paying students shall hold positions of the executive board, editorial board, or board of directors of any Constituted organization with the exception of the Advisor position in organizations whose constitutions establish said position as a board position. Advisors shall be chosen exclusively from the faculty or staff of SUNY Fredonia. Non-students may only be appointed to acting board positions when no fee-paying student is willing or able to fill said position.
- Article V: All privileges and benefits of membership in individual organizations shall be extended first to fee-paying student members of the organization. Benefits and privileges extended to non-student members shall not infringe upon those members of the Association.
- Article VI: Individual Constituted organizations shall decide whether or not to allow non-student participation and shall establish rules governing said participation insofar as said rules do not decrease non-student participation beyond the scope of the above articles.

STATUTE O-9

STATUTE CONCERNING: CONSTITUTED GROUPS' ATTENDANCE AT ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- Article I: Constituted groups shall be required to have representation in attendance at each meeting of the Assembly:
- A. In order to be familiar with the procedures and aware of events taking place within the Association.
 - B. In order to receive an updated Constitution at the beginning of each semester and receive subsequent updates to the Constitution during the semester.
- Article II: The following shall be the policy for Constituted groups' attendance at Assembly meetings:
- A. Attendance for the entirety of meetings shall be mandatory.
 - B. Roll Call shall be taken at the beginning and at the conclusion of meetings to ensure that representation has been present for the duration of the meeting.
 - C. Constituted groups shall be excused only if:
 1. All members of a group are required to be at an event occurring concurrent to an Assembly meeting.
 2. Notification is given to the Speaker 24 hours prior to the Assembly meeting.
 - D. Representatives in the Assembly are allowed, but are not required to, represent Constituted groups.
- Article III: Violations of the attendance policy shall be carried out as follows:
- A. Constituted groups without excused representation at two or more meetings during the semester shall have their budgets and privileges frozen.
 1. The amount of time for a frozen budget will be determined by contingency of meetings.
 2. Budgets and privileges will be frozen from the end of the second missed Assembly meeting to the next Assembly meeting. One missed roll call shall result in an unexcused absence.

STATUTE O-10

STATUTE CONCERNING: EQUIPMENT AUDITS FOR CONSTITUTED GROUPS

- Article I: The General Manager/Accountant and the Student Comptroller shall be the Student Association representatives authorized to conduct equipment audits.
- Article II: The purpose of an equipment audit shall be to ensure that all capital equipment purchased by the Student Association is accounted for by the Constituted organization.
- Article III: The following guidelines must be adhered to pertaining to equipment audits:
- A. The General Manager/Accountant or Student Comptroller shall contact the President of the Constituted organization whose equipment is to be audited so that a convenient time for the audit to occur may be agreed upon.
 - B. At least one member of the Constituted organization's executive board shall be present during the equipment audit.
 - C. The audit shall be of capital equipment only.
 - D. An equipment audit must be conducted at least once a year for every Constituted organization.
 - E. The General Manager/Accountant or Student Comptroller shall present their findings to the Association President following the annual audit.

STATUTE O-11
STATUTE CONCERNING: GROUP DOCTRINES

Article I: All recognized groups of the Student Association must have a copy of their doctrine on file with the Speaker's office.

Effective 10/1/01

STATUTE O-12
STATUTE CONCERNING: SA CODE OF CONDUCT

- Article I: All local, state, and federal laws must be observed and followed at any Student Association group sanctioned event or events advertized as such.
a.) Circumstances beyond said groups control must be considered at any hearing for violation of the code of conduct.
- Article II: Any police department may forward reports of alleged violation of infractions mentioned in Article I to the Student Association.
- Article III: If a report is received from any police department then the Vice-President must file charges for violation of the code of conduct with the Supreme Court.
- Article IV: Punishments for violation of the code of conduct will not be subject to the restrictions listed in Statute J-5 Article VII.

RESOLUTION R-1
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: DISMISSAL OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Be it resolved that the Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia opposes the dismissal of any faculty members without consultation with interested faculty and students. As the representative student body, we favor such consultation as being necessary to the maintenance of academic quality.

RESOLUTION R-2
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

Whereas President Reagan signed the Defense Authorization Bill (PL 97-252) on September 8, 1982, to become effective July 1, 1983; and

Whereas this law makes males who fail to register for the draft ineligible for the programs of Guaranteed Student Loan, National Direct Student Loan, Pell Grant, State Student Incentive Grants; and

Whereas this law will have disproportionate impact on males and minority students who are most economically disadvantaged; and

Whereas this law discriminates on the basis of sex in so far as it is in direct conflict with the civil rights requirements of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 Regulation 34 CF Part 106; and

Whereas this law discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin in direct conflict with VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

Whereas the Selective Service estimates that approximately 527,000 eligible men have failed to register for the draft; and

Whereas males required under the Selective Service Act to register for the draft will be required to file a statement of compliance indicating that they have registered;

Whereas those men who fail to supply such statement of compliance will be ineligible for the above mentioned programs; and

Whereas the law requires the Secretary of Education in cooperation with the Director of Selective Service to prescribe methods of varying statements of compliance;

Whereas the Department of Education is working on the Notice of Proposed Rule making which will contain proposed procedures of implementation of draft requirements for Title IV students aid eligibility; and

Whereas the Educational Institution will be made responsible for identifying men who have failed to register for the draft; and

Whereas the Educational Institution will be required to deny financial aid under the above mentioned programs to non-registered male students; and

Whereas the responsibility for implementation will most probably fall on the administrative personnel for the Educational Institution; and

Whereas the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association has reported that this law will cause major delays and backlogs in student aid programs in the years to come; and

Whereas the Defense Authorization Bill (PL 97-252) will unfairly assume that students are guilty of not registering until they have proved themselves innocent; and

Whereas the law bases the ability to afford and education on one's political beliefs and actions, therefore;

Be it resolved that the Student Association Representative Assembly of the State University of New York College at Fredonia urges President Reagan, Senator Moynihan, Senator D'Amato, and the New York Congressional Delegation to revoke the Defense Authorization Bill (PL 97-252).

RESOLUTION R-3

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: STUDENT SERVICE ON COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

Whereas, participation by all college constituencies in college decision making is desirable; and

Whereas, adequate student representation can only be ensured by allowing students to elect student representatives; and

Whereas, decision making bodies and advisory bodies of the State University College at Fredonia, do not allow student selection of student representation;

Be it resolved that the Student Association of the State University New York College at Fredonia supports the selection of students to serve on college decision making and advisory bodies by procedures approved by the Student Association; and

Be it resolved, that the Association, through its executives and Representative Assembly, shall work to initiate the appropriate changes through college governance bodies and in consultation with the college administration.

RESOLUTION R-4

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: N.Y.S. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

Whereas, the unrestricted flow of information is essential to the democratic process; and

Whereas, the provision of forums for comment by a government's constituencies may lead to more responsive government; and

Whereas, availability of information to the media increases knowledge among people regarding matters of government concern, and thus may lead to more responsible and intelligent public action; and

Whereas, such increased knowledge may lead to increased concern and participation among constituencies;

Be it resolved, that the Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia and its officers shall abide by the letter and the spirit of the New York State Freedom of Information Law and the New York State Open Meeting Law.

RESOLUTION R-5
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: JOBS WITH PEACE

Whereas the nation's cities are in desperate need of federal action that generates jobs for their residents, and military spending generates fewer jobs per dollar than other federal spending; and

Whereas proposed military spending from the Fiscal Year 1982 through 1987 will total \$1.6 trillion; and

Whereas the proposed increase in military spending will require deeper cuts in domestic programs in future years fuel inflation, and further undermine the economy;

Whereas those Americans on a fixed income or without an adequate source of income have the right to a decent standard of living including health care, housing, education, and other essential services;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia endorses a call for jobs with peace which reads:

“We call upon the U.S. Congress to make more money available for jobs and programs in education, transportation, housing, health care, human services, and other productive industries by significantly reducing the amount of our tax dollars spent on nuclear weapons; foreign military intervention, and wasteful military programs; these policies will promote a healthy economy, true national security, and jobs with peace.”

RESOLUTION R-6
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Whereas the proposed Executive budget portends both dramatic reductions in the resources of the State University and substantial increases of educational costs for its students;

Whereas both students and staff of the State University are being obliged to sustain a disproportionate share of the burden of redressing the fiscal problems of the state;

Whereas the contribution of the State University is imperative to the economic growth and renewal of the state and to the health and welfare of its citizens;

Whereas the Governor's budget message stressed the need to keep "an eye on the future, beyond out present perils";

Be it resolved that the Student Association Representative Assembly of the State University College at Fredonia urge that every effort be made to carefully assess the magnitude of the costs and damage to the state's welfare as a result of the proposed severe reductions in the budget of the State University and to modify the proposed Executive Budget so as to maintain as much as possible the crucial role of the State University and its ability to serve its students and the entire state, now and in the future.

RESOLUTION R-7

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORTATION

Be it resolved that in solidarity with the governing body of the village of Fredonia, the Student Association opposes the transport of spent nuclear fuel through the municipality of Fredonia.

Therefore, in recognition of our moral obligation to protect the health and welfare of our fellow citizens and constituents, the Student Association instructs the Student President to inform the State Attorney General and Secretary of Transportation of our opposition.

RESOLUTION R-8
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: STATUTE G-6

Be it resolved that it is the desire of the Student Association to maintain the current structure of the FSA Board of Directors as stipulated by Statute G-6.

RESOLUTION R-9
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: LOBBYING TRIPS

Whereas, SUNY mission is to provide a low cost, high quality education to all state residents.

Whereas, the cost of a SUNY education directly affects the ability of people to attend Fredonia State.

Whereas, a lobbying visit to your legislator is both an educational experience as well as a step towards protecting your right to an education.

Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the Student Association, request that the faculty not penalize students for missing classes because of their lobbying trip on Tuesday.

RESOLUTION R-10
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: ACADEMIC CREDIT

Be it resolved that the Student Association supports the concept of the proposal to establish Academic Credit for the Student Association.

RESOLUTION R-11
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: RESOLUTION AD-RATES

Whereas all students pay the mandatory activity fee;

Whereas it is the mandatory activity fee that provides the major portion of its funding for all Constituted groups;

Whereas The Leader is a Constituted group which receives a vast portion of its funding from the student mandatory activity fee;

Be it resolved that it is the desire of the Representative Assembly that all student groups, be they Constituted, Chartered, or acknowledged, shall enjoy the same ad-rates currently called the SA ad-rate;

And furthermore, it is the desire that this be implemented immediately and monitored by the Student Comptroller of the Student Association.

RESOLUTION R-12
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: QUALITY OF THE LEADER

Whereas there is obvious student concern regarding the quality of written content in the Leader;

Whereas these concerns find criticism in the Student Association General Assembly Meetings;

Be it resolved that it is the desire of the Representative Assembly that those editors associated with the written consent of the Leader attend the concerns of the audience of weekly Student Association General Assembly Meetings.

RESOLUTION R-13
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: CANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Be it resolved that any organization that fails to sit election tables at their specified times will be canned.

RESOLUTION R-14
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

Whereas sacrificing lives in an economically motivated war such as this is immoral;

Whereas non-military solutions to the problem in the Middle East have not been exhausted;

Whereas any war in the Middle East would be a long devastating undertaking;

Whereas a war in the Middle East would cost money and human resources urgently needed for education and other social programs;

Whereas a draft would need to be instituted to maintain an extended war effort;

Whereas citizens of student age would be the primary draft target in a war in the Middle East;

Whereas our voluntary military forces, due to economic incentives, are primarily staffed by the economically disadvantaged;

Whereas the attempt to obtain lasting peace and justice in the Middle East must come primarily from within and not outside intervention;

Whereas our own support for human rights has been inconsistent;

Whereas the people of the Middle East have shown no popular support for our involvement in their affairs;

Whereas our government's and our media's portrayal of Iraq legitimizes and perpetuates anti-Arab racism;

Whereas it is possible to oppose a warring government's policies and still be compassionate toward the individual combatants;

Whereas the best form of compassion toward all combatants is the desire to protect their lives;

Be it resolved that we, the students of the State University College of New York at Fredonia oppose a U.S. war in the Middle East. We furthermore oppose a military draft, we suggest that in an extreme case where foreign intervention is necessary that our government take its role as a cooperator, not the dominator, in an international effort to achieve peace and justice in the Middle East.

RESOLUTION R-15
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: THE SUNY BUDGET CRISIS

Whereas the Governor has proposed a \$160,000 cut to SUNY;

Whereas increased charges to SUNY and CUNY students brings their contribution toward reducing the state deficit to \$230 million dollars;

Whereas this contribution from the students is greater than that of the wealthiest New Yorkers who received a tax decrease in 1987;

Whereas the Governor's proposed SUNY budget could have disastrous effects such as: 1500-3000 position losses, program and course elimination, overcrowding of classes, inaccessibility of required classes, elimination of student services (such as child care, counseling services, health services), reduced academic support (such as library hours and books), and fewer public safety and maintenance services;

Whereas accessible quality education is a prudent investment in New York State's future;

Be it resolved that we, the Student Association of the State University of New York College at Fredonia oppose any further tuition increases;

We furthermore support the restoration of TAP cuts;

We recommend that the state make SUNY more efficient by eliminating all non-essential personnel such as Non-Student Services Administration and the Central Administration duplication;

We demand that the state of New York makes a quality education accessible and a higher priority.

RESOLUTION R-16

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: CONTINGENCY FUND FOR CLASS DELEGATIONS

Whereas classes of a delegated year (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) are not per say a "group" as defined by the Student Association, but represent a Non-Categorized Division of the Student Association.

And if these class delegations become classified as anything other than a Non-Categorized Division of SA, they would then be eligible for funding through the Voluntary Fund, Allocation Account, or Conference and Convention Account. And this would most certainly result in diminishing these funds at an increasing rate for recognized organizations of SA.

Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the Student Association of SUNY Fredonia, choose to establish a Contingency Fund under the General Administrative Budget of the Student Association.

Be it further resolved that funds would be specifically Allocated (budgeted) to this account during Budget and Appropriations Weekend starting in the spring semester of 1992. Thereafter, these funds shall be released through the proper channels of the Student Association.

If such funds deplete within the academic year, no class should be eligible for further funds.

Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be required reading for any member of the Association wishing to run for an officer position within their delegated class.

RESOLUTION R-17
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: CAMPUS SECURITY

Whereas there are no clear statements in the college catalog defining a student's right to appeal decisions of the faculty or administration, nor any clearly defined procedure for such appeals;

Whereas there is no established means of collecting and evaluating complaints about the behavior of Campus security officers, and some complaints are insufficiently addressed;

Whereas the college refused to assume responsibility for arrests made by Campus security officers, and students are left to bear the heavy financial and psychological burdens of defending themselves in court against any charges made by such arresting officers;

Be it resolved that the Student Association hereby requests that President MacPhee, in consultation with the officers of the Student Association:

1. Convene a committee of students, faculty, and administrative officials to draft for the college catalog a statement of student rights of appeal, and maintain clearly defined procedures for appeal against faculty and administrative decisions that affect students either as individuals or as organized groups;
2. Appoint an External Review Board for campus security, to consist of students, faculty, and administrative officials who are not either the personnel of campus security, or an official directly responsible for campus security, and empower that review board:
 - a. to review all complaints against campus security, maintain a confidential file of all complaints, and make recommendations the President and the Dean of Student Affairs for appropriate actions;
 - b. to review all cases of students who believe that they have been inappropriately arrested and charged in the village court by campus security officers and to recommend either:
 - i. that the student must bear the burden of their own defense,
 - ii. that the Student Association provide the necessary legal counsel for the student's defense, or,
 - iii. that the college intervene and withdraw the charges.

Amended 12/3/15

RESOLUTION R-18
RESOLUTION REGARDING: DIVERSITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Whereas the students of the State University of New York College at Fredonia are an inherent part of the community of the Village of Fredonia;

Whereas the student body is experiencing increasing diversity and relations with the community and may be subject to increasing tensions;

Whereas the law enforcement agencies of the Village of Fredonia are ill-prepared to deal with this diversity and would benefit from specialized sensitivity training;

Be it resolved that we, the students of the State University College at Fredonia recommend that the members of Fredonia's law enforcement agencies undergo intensive sensitivity training in the same manner that State University Public Safety officers are trained; and

We further recommend that the Village of Fredonia create a position that shall serve as a liaison between Fredonia's law enforcement agencies and the Student Association.

RESOLUTION R-19
RESOLUTION REGARDING: RENTAL REGISTRATION CODE

Whereas the Village of Fredonia is considering implementing a rental registration for all residential rental property;

Whereas said registration would have the following benefits to the students of Fredonia:

1. The funds raised from the registration will pay for additional housing inspectors thus allowing more frequent inspection of residential rental property;
2. The information gathered by the registration process may be shared with the College and the Student Association, thus increasing the services that we may provide to students who live off-campus or who may be considering living off-campus;
3. The safety and quality standards of housing that is available to Fredonia students will be improved;

Be it resolved that we, the students of the State University College at Fredonia strongly support a Rental Registration Code in the Village of Fredonia.

We furthermore urge the Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees to pass said Rental Registration Legislation.

RESOLUTION R-20
RESOLUTION REGARDING: ODA POLICY

We the students at the State University of New York College at Fredonia, feel that the current Faculty Student Association policy dealing with excess ODA is unfair and unacceptable. At present, any ODA funds remaining in a student's account at the end of a semester is retained by FSA. Since many students do not fully spend all of their ODA amounts, a more appropriate and fair process needs to be adopted concerning any remaining monies.

At a time when students are being heavily burdened by tuition increases, we would be best served if these excess ODA funds could be returned to students at the end of the semester. This could be accomplished by rolling the accounts over from one semester to another or by a direct refund.

Therefore, we implore FSA to consider one of the previously mentioned options. Since students comprise the majority membership of FSA and are the only members who pay into the corporation, it is only appropriate that the FSA Board of Directors act on behalf of our interest by rectifying this situation.

RESOLUTION R-21

RESOLUTION REGARDING: FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Whereas we, the student body, make up almost 90% of the members to the Faculty Student Association of the State University College at Fredonia corporation, and even a larger part of the revenue of the corporation;

Whereas, we being members and having a direct say into the corporation by having a vote in the membership meetings is important to us;

Whereas we demand that consistent representation be provided on any committee that has the authority to perform acts of the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session;

Whereas a stipulation should be added so that members may vote even if not present at the membership meeting;

Be it resolved that Student Association of the State University of New York College at Fredonia demands that the following amendments be made to the proposed Faculty Student Association of the State University of New York College at Fredonia by-laws:

1. Continuation of full membership comprised of the students, faculty, and administrative staff;
2. Make the composition of the Executive Committee consistent to the composition of the entire Board of Directors; one (1) administrative director, one (1) faculty director, and two (2) student directors;
3. Develop an option of voting by proxy at the annual membership meeting.

RESOLUTION R-22
RESOLUTION REGARDING: SUNY BUDGET CUTS

Whereas New York State Governor George Pataki has proposed a substantial budget cut in state funding for both the SUNY and CUNY systems;

Whereas education is fundamental to the continuation of this state's economic growth;

Whereas cuts in state funding could result in loss of services, decline in quality of education, and even possible closing of facilities;

Whereas we believe it is a right, not a privilege of citizens to have the opportunity to obtain a higher education;

Be it resolved: We, the students of the State University of New York College at Fredonia are of the general consensus that reductions in state aid to SUNY and CUNY would have negative ramifications;

We oppose any further tuition increase;

We recommend that the state make SUNY more efficient by eliminating all non-essential personnel such as non-student services administration and the central administration duplicate;

We demand that the State of New York make the accessibility of quality education a higher priority.

RESOLUTION R-23
RESOLUTION REGARDING: RE-LOCATION OF WNYF-TV

Whereas WNYF Television is a major source of media for the campus and community of Fredonia;

Whereas recent inspections have resulted in a demand that the organization re-locate its studios to avoid potential safety hazards;

Whereas the safety of students is of utmost priority and requires immediate action;

Whereas portions of the yearly budget of WNYF, allocated by the Student Association is used to update technological equipment to keep WNYF a productive organization;

Whereas a studio re-location could put a damper on these technological advances;

Whereas WNYF serves as an outlet for hands-on experience in the communication field;

Whereas a relocation to a space not as efficient as the prior could result in the transferring of students;

Be it resolved that we, the Student Association of the State University College of New York at Fredonia demand that the re-location of the studios of WNYF be such a location where their services can continue to be beneficial to the campus and community of Fredonia.

Furthermore, let it be resolved that we demand the re-location process be carried out in a timely manner and conducive to the functions of the WNYF studios.

RESOLUTION R-24

RESOLUTION REGARDING: DECORUM IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Whereas all members of the Association are required to give germane reports at General Assembly meetings;

Whereas they should contain a professional decorum expected in said meetings;

Whereas members of the Association should maintain the proper decorum expected from persons in such a meeting;

Be it resolved that material presented in non-applicable reports shall not be present in the minutes.

RESOLUTION R-25
RESOLUTION REGARDING: EVENTS AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY ON
OCTOBER 15, 1996

Whereas, the recent events at Binghamton University, on October 15, 1996, have sparked concern among the students at SUNY Fredonia;

Whereas, the Fredonia State Student Association conforms to New York State open meeting laws;

Be it resolved that the Fredonia Student Association condemns the closing of any Student Association meeting to any student;

Be it resolved that the Fredonia Student Association meetings will be open to all interested parties;

Be it resolved that should a Student Association meeting room fill to capacity the venue will immediately be changed.

RESOLUTION R-26
RESOLUTION REGARDING: ACCEPTANCE OF DIVERSITY

Whereas the Student Association was established for “the purpose of maintaining effective, representative and responsible self governing body”;

Whereas membership includes all members of the student body;

Whereas the student body is a very diverse community;

Whereas bigotry and discrimination of any kind or degree, regardless of actual or perceived race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age, creed, ethnicity, economic status, political orientation, or any other basis are not actions representative of, but rather destructive to the SUNY Fredonia student body;

Be it resolved that the Student Association, as a single representative voice for students will not tolerate any act of bigotry, hate-based violence, or discrimination from any group or individual within or outside of the Association.

Be it further resolved that the Association places great value on the importance of education AND acceptance of other cultures; education is necessary because ignorance harbors hatred and division; acceptance is necessary to combat apathy;

Be it finally resolved that the Association calls upon the faculty, staff and administration to support and adopt this resolution’s purpose and message and apply it to every aspect of their duties at SUNY Fredonia.

RESOLUTION R-27
RESOLUTION REGARDING: THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Whereas, the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial aid grants to eligible, full-time New York State Residents, based on a sliding income scale; and

Whereas, receiving TAP funding is a necessity for many New York State residents to be full-time students here at SUNY Fredonia; and

Whereas, the Governor's 2002-03 budget proposal restructures TAP to prevent students from receiving a third of their TAP allotment until after graduation; and

Whereas, students rely on TAP to help pay for college while they attend college, not once they have graduated; and

Whereas, students do not need "performance incentives" for TAP as they must already maintain a 2.00 grade point average to receive their awards; and

Whereas, college students don't need more loans, debt or paperwork;

Be it hereby resolved that, we, the Fredonia State Student Association, call upon the Governor to increase the allocation to the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) for the TAP by \$155 million; and

Be it further resolved that, we, the Fredonia State Student Association, call upon the Governor to amend his Executive Budget to allow students to receive their full TAP award during the semester for which they are eligible.

RESOLUTION R-28
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: THE CENSORSHIP OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND FREE IDEAS

Whereas the State University of New York at Fredonia has adopted a student code of conduct to maintain the health, safety, and wellness of the university community;

Whereas the university policy guarantees the “freedom to inquire, to exchange ideas through discussion, publication and public presentations,” as stated in the university policy;

Whereas faculty and professional staff are also representatives of the university community;

Be it resolved that the Student Association, as a representative voice of the student body, will not tolerate any act of unwarranted censorship towards student activities, especially identified by race, gender, sexual orientation, age, creed, ethnicity, political status, economic status, disability, etc, unless it is in violation of the university policy;

Be it further resolved that the Association places responsibility on faculty, administration, and staff to be open-minded towards the wishes of students, when there is no legitimate cause for objection, not to exclude the ideas of their respective academic coursework on debatable topics as listed above;

Be it finally resolved that the faculty, administration, and staff adhere to such conduct as expected from the student body, and to act as a model for the student body.

RESOLUTION R-29

RESOLUTION REGARD: THE FUTURE OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Whereas, the Student Association's role is to promote the interests of all students in Fredonia and throughout the State University of New York (SUNY);

Whereas, current tuition policies cause unpredictable tuition increases that put a financial burden on students;

Whereas, SUNY is disadvantaged by its placement in a different budget category than CUNY and Community Colleges;

Whereas, tuition is unfairly and unequally distributed back to SUNY campuses and used for other governmental expenses;

Whereas, the stability and quality of Fredonia and SUNY are threatened by the continued budget cuts;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Association, as a representative voice of the student body, calls on the government of New York to enact four key provisions:

1. A "rational tuition" policy, where tuition is fair, predictable, and never increases more than five percent from the previous academic year.
2. All tuition generated at a SUNY campus must remain at that campus.
3. That SUNY be placed in the same budget category of CUNY and Community Colleges.
4. Restoration of the Governor's budget cuts to SUNY and pledge that all SUNY campuses will be adequately funded from this point forward.

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Association sends a letter to every Senator, Assembly person, and Executive in New York and if these changes do not occur, a rally including students, parents, faculty, staff, and the community will be held in the Fall 2010 semester at Fredonia.

RESOLUTION R-30
RESOLUTION REGARDING: MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Whereas the recent actions by the New York State Senate of denying the equal right to marry among the residents of this state is an affront to civil justice and life tranquility.

Whereas the denial of marriage equality is the denial of civil rights.

Whereas, marriage is not a right given to some and denied to others.

Be it resolved that the Student Association as a representative voice of the student body, expresses its full and unconditional support for marriage equality and will not tolerate the discrimination in marriage based on sexual orientation.

Be it further resolved, the Student Association encourages all students to stand up and take action on marriage injustices.

Be it finally resolved, as a legislative body, we formally admonish the recent actions of the New York Senate and urge our state legislators to reconsider their position.

RESOLUTION R-31
RESOLUTION CONCERNING: THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF SUNY
FREDONIA

In the interest of our environment, the students of the State University of New York at Fredonia adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the human environmental impact has grown; the Earth's national resources are being depleted which are unsustainable for future populations.

Whereas, sustainability is an important issue for our generation, and for those to come; it poses problems for human life and wildlife.

Whereas, we have committed to the Presidents Climate Commitment; which promises to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in reasonable amount of time.

Whereas, we as students need to adopt an environmentally conscious mind set. Campus funding is essential for translating these ideologies into everyday practices.

Be it resolved, that the Student Association as a representative voice of the student body, fully supports the campus and community in all efforts to decrease negative environmental impacts.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Association will aid in the completion of the goals set by the President's Climate Commitment and that they will support the campus wide Sustainability Committee in their efforts to reduce Fredonia's ecological-footprint.

Be it finally resolved, that as a legislative body, we formally support the creation of a Green Initiative Fund and financially fund environmental initiatives taken by students and staff to increase the environmental sustainability at SUNY Fredonia.

RESOLUTION R-32

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: SUPPORT OF FIVE-YEAR TUITION PLAN FOR SUNY

Whereas, a fundamental part of the mission of the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia is to advocate for its students; and

Whereas, The State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 459,000 students in more than 7,250 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses with more than 2.9 million alumni around the globe and Fredonia is a part of that system; and

Whereas, SUNY has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities not just for college students and their families, but for faculty and staff, businesses and industry, and the workforce of the State of New York and beyond; and

Whereas, SUNY boasts a nationally competitive tuition rate, amongst the lowest in the nation; and

Whereas, the means by which tuition increases occurred prior to the implementation of a rational tuition program were unpredictable and often extreme, at times being 36% in a single year; and

Whereas, a five-year tuition plan that is fair, equitable, and responsible, and keeps tuition revenues within the respective SUNY campus has provided students and their families the ability to plan ahead; and

Whereas, such a plan has allowed the State University of New York at Fredonia the benefit of predicting revenue which has in turn led to improved academic programs, increases in aid, and additional faculty, in addition to several other benefits;

and Whereas, it is clear that the past, present, and future of New York State is tied to its State University; and

Whereas, the State University of New York at Fredonia must have, and be able to provide, fiscal stability and affordability to carry out its responsibility to the students; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia hereby reinforces the importance of a rational tuition plan for SUNY that would: 1) be fair, equitable and responsible; 2) keep tuition revenues within the SUNY system; 3) provide students and their families the ability to adequately plan ahead; 4) provide the State University of New York at Fredonia with predictable revenue; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia support the continuation of state taxpayer support of maintenance of effort; and

Resolved, that the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia encourages each student government to advocate to the State Legislature in support of this proposal and encourage its passage into law, and

Resolved, that the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia strongly requests that the SUNY Board of Trustees refrain from consistently raising tuition to its

maximum threshold as they have for the past four consecutive years under rational tuition; and, finally be it

Resolved, that the Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Student Assembly, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, the Fredonia University Faculty Senate, the Fredonia College Council, Dr. Virginia Horvath, Dr. David Herman, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION R-33

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: AVAILABILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Whereas, the years spent in the university setting are both formative and stressful for the majority of college students; and

Whereas, many students seek out counseling and other mental health services through the campus counseling center to cope with the changes and stress associated with the university experience; and

Whereas, students, administrators, and mental health professionals on the SUNY Fredonia campus have expressed disappointment with the availability of services to students who require them; and

Whereas, after the events of April 16th, 2007 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the New York State Legislature indicated an interest in increasing the funding for SUNY counseling centers which was never followed by legislative action; and

Whereas, the Department of Justice, effective March 15th, 2011, began to interpret Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act so as not to include the possibility of self-harm as a reason for university intervention; and

Whereas, the generation which is now entering the university setting has been statistically proven to require more immediate attention for mental health issues; and

Whereas, there has been an increase in the need for individual therapy for SUNY Fredonia students of almost 30% since the 2006-2007 academic year; and

Whereas, the unavailability of mental health services creates a dangerous set of circumstances for both the individual students seeking help and the campus community;

Be it hereby resolved, that we, the Fredonia State Student Association, while understanding that positive steps have been made, call for more support for mental health services on the SUNY Fredonia campus, and throughout the State University of New York; and

Be it further resolved, that we demand an increase in the availability of emergency services, an increase in availability of psychiatric services, and a closer student-to-counselor ratio; and

Be it yet further resolved, that we implore the New York State Legislature to increase funding for counseling centers throughout the State University of New York; and

Be it yet further resolved, that we strongly urge that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act be construed to include self-harm as a reason for university intervention.

RESOLUTION R-34

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

- Whereas, Fredonia enjoys a unique and supportive system of shared governance between administration, faculty, staff, and students; and
- Whereas, The students of Fredonia are being trained to be skilled, connected, creative, and responsible members of their communities; and
- Whereas, The Student Association holds six senate seats on the University Faculty Senate, providing them with the largest voting bloc on the campus; and
- Whereas, Article V, Section 2, Sub-Section A, Number 3 of the University Faculty Senate states: "Except where explicitly stated otherwise in these bylaws, student members of standing committees and their subcommittees shall be chosen according to procedures developed by the Student Association and approved by the University Senate and shall serve one-year terms"; and
- Whereas, Only one of the five standing committees, Academic Affairs, provides for non-graduate student seats appointed by the Student Association; and,
- Whereas, Student seats are not provided for in the bylaws as a part of the Selection of the President or Selection of Certain Administrative Officers ad-hoc committees; therefore let it be,
- Resolved, The Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia calls for bylaw reform within the University Senate to include student membership, appointed by the Student Association, on the General Education Committee, Planning & Budget Advisory Committee, and all ad-hoc committees that directly affect the students of Fredonia, including but not limited to the Selection of the President or Selection of Certain Administrative Officers ad-hoc committees; and further,
- Resolved, The Student Association of the State University of New York at Fredonia calls upon the student senators and University Senate Executive Committee to champion increased student involvement in our system of shared governance by ensuring students have a voice in all committees directly effecting the lives and academic careers of our students.

RESOLUTION R-35

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (UN 2030)

Whereas SUNY Global's vision states that they are committed to the creation of opportunities for all SUNY students to gain a global and intercultural perspective of themselves, their society, and their area of study as an essential part of a well-rounded twenty-first century education; and

Whereas the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will help create a more inclusive environment for all 465,000 SUNY students; and

Whereas Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consist of 17 goals with 169 targets for which member states within the United Nations should strive by 2030; and

Whereas implementation of SDGs follows the previous agenda of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which have helped cut extreme poverty in half through partnerships that help to kick-start progress in areas where it was lacking; and

Whereas the MDGs have proven that with concentration and effort, even the most persistent global problems can be tackled, indicating that the post-2015 goals should remain focused on eliminating the multiple dimensions of extreme poverty while addressing emerging global realities; and

Whereas the need for new global development goals ensures a more inclusive agenda summarized by the five P's: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership:

- **People:** We are determined to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to ensure that all human beings can fulfill their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.
- **Planet:** We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.
- **Prosperity:** We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social, and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.
- **Peace:** We are determined to foster peaceful, just, and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.
- **Partnership:** We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

Whereas assuming leadership in the implementation of the SDGs allows Fredonia to participate in global solutions that increase our competitive edge while furthering our mission of global leadership; and

Whereas studies show that students choose to attend colleges and universities based in part on the college's reputation for social activities and involvement; and

Whereas aligning our campus with these international goals removes the sense of borders that international students often feel because the SDGs unite citizens from all countries to strive for a common goal;

Therefore be it

Resolved that the students of the General Assembly call for Fredonia to extend its status as a national and global leader, create a more inclusive global SUNY community, and strive to create a socially conscious system that benefits SUNY and the world by aligning itself with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Resolved that we begin to implement the SDGs knowing that although not every goal and target is feasible for SUNY, we should join other world leaders in seeking to achieve those items on the agenda which are attainable;

Resolved that Fredonia forward copies of this this Resolution to the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Fredonia's Presidential Cabinet, Fredonia's student governing body, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION R-36

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: State Wide Divestment of Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, the Fredonia Student Association acknowledges that anthropogenic climate change, caused primarily through the burning of fossil fuels, is a critical issue and urgent steps must be taken for it to be addressed;

WHEREAS, there is a growing movement of universities, municipalities, and institutions to divest their holdings from fossil fuel companies which profit from the continued emission of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any company among the two hundred largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies, as established by carbon content in the companies' proven oil, gas, and coal reserves;

WHEREAS, scientists concur that if the global average surface temperature rises by 2° C above preindustrial levels, the planet could experience increased extreme weather events that directly affect NY State citizens;

WHEREAS, 80% of the fossil fuel industry's known carbon reserves must remain underground to keep global warming below the 2° C threshold;

WHEREAS, the voluntary acquisition of financial stocks and holdings represent an implicit support of a company and its industry;

WHEREAS, the State Common Retirement Fund invests at least \$5.12 billion in public pension money in companies that mine, drill, and produce fossil fuels;

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller's efforts to use shareholder engagement to influence the actions of issuers and fossil fuel companies has largely been ineffective;

WHEREAS, numerous financial experts have concluded that it is possible for large institutions with comingled funds to divest from fossil fuels and still earn strong returns;

WHEREAS, Section 3b of the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act prevents significant financial risk to NY State pensioners;

WHEREAS, according to the comptroller's website, the NY State Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli, "ensures that State and local governments use taxpayer money effectively and efficiently to *promote the common good*" (emphasis added);

WHEREAS, Fredonia has worked hard to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into the campus and increase its commitment to sustainability. Our institution can and should set an example as an environmentally responsible citizen — a model for other colleges and universities as well as a model for our own students and the community in everyday life";

RESOLVED, Fredonia supports the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act to direct the State Comptroller to divest the NYS Common Retirement Fund from companies engaged in the production of fossil fuels;

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, Assembly Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz, State Senator Liz Krueger, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, SUNY Campus Presidents, University Faculty Senate, UUP, CSEA, and SUNY Student Government Associations.

RESOLUTION R-37

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: DIVERSITY EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Whereas, SUNY has “defined diversity broadly to include race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, age, socioeconomic status, status as a veteran, status as an individual with a disability, students undergoing transition (such as transfer, stop out, international student acclimation), and first generation students”¹; and,

Whereas this visible commitment to inclusivity on our campus will help us to recruit and retain a diverse student population as well as administrative staff and faculty as called for in the SUNY Diversity Policy; and,

Whereas foregrounding our academic commitment to diversity and inclusivity on our campus will demonstrate our commitment to “fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff, and students, as well as ensuring equal educational opportunity” as stated in our nondiscrimination statement²and,

Whereas the vision statement Fredonia adheres to also states that “ As a community of learners, we must respect both individual and cultural differences”³; and,

Whereas, a class emphasizing inclusivity would promote a sense of comfort and safety among minority/marginalized groups by showing that they belong at Fredonia, as well as cross cultural exchange, dialogue, and respect for “both individual and cultural differences” ; and

Whereas studies have shown that students learn better when they *all* have a chance to learn in a way that employs examples and life experiences that are culturally relevant to themselves;⁴and,

Whereas, there is a documented correlation between having a diverse community and curriculum and exhibiting higher levels of critical thinking, academic self confidence, and social agency”⁵;and,

Whereas Social Psychologist David Yaeger recently explained at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities that recruitment and retention rates will be aided by policies that expand all students’ sense of belonging on a college campus; and,

Whereas Fredonia has a responsibility to their students to remain connected to national and global movements and to help enable them to effectively navigate social and academic environments outside of the Fredonia campus; and,

Whereas the modern workforce is becoming increasingly diverse; and,

¹ The State University of New York. (2016). Campus Guide for Strategic Diversity & Inclusion Plan Development.

² Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. (2015). Fredonia NonDiscrimination Statement

³ Faculty Council. (2015). Fredonia Vision Statement

⁴Dee, T., & Penner, E. (2016). The Causal Effects of Cultural Relevance: Evidence from an Ethnic Studies Curriculum (CEPA Working Paper No.1601).

⁵ Laird, T. F. N. (2005). College Students’ Experiences with Diversity and Their Effects on Academic SelfConfidence, Social Agency, and Disposition Toward Critical Thinking. Research in Higher Education”†Vol†46” No†4† Doi: 10.1007/S1116200529661.

Whereas, students who are uneducated about diversity will therefore be less successful in the modern workforce they will enter upon graduating; and,

Whereas during the Fall of 2015, SUNY SA Approved a resolution stating: “Resolved That the State University of New York and the SUNY Student Assembly recommends that the various SUNY campuses prioritize the strengthening and enhancing of the Diversity General Education requirement”⁶; and,

Whereas other SUNY schools, such as Binghamton⁷, Brockport⁸, and Old Westbury⁹, have begun to adopt and implement diversity general education requirements to adhere to the SUNY diversity policy and connect to larger national and global movements; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Student Association desires that a class related to diversity be required of all students to graduate; and, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Student Association President Jason Burgos, Registrar Scott Saunders, Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Bill Boerner, University Provost Terry Brown, Associate Provost Lisa Hunter, the members of the General Education Transition Team, Chairman Dr. Robert Deemer for distribution to the University Faculty Senate, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Herman, and Fredonia President Dr. Virginia Horvath so that further steps may be taken to implement this new requirement.

⁶ Rakoska, B. K. (2016). Anti Racism Resolution

⁷ Binghamton University, State University of New York. (2014). Academic Policies and Procedures for Undergraduate Students.

⁸ The College at Brockport, State University of New York. (2016). General Education at Brockport

⁹ SUNY Old Westbury (2015). General Education Requirements

RESOLUTION R-38

RESOLUTION CONCERNING: Mandatory Bias Sensitivity Training For Student Association

Whereas the State University of New York at Fredonia (SUNY Fredonia) is an institution made up of about seventy eight percent of undergraduate students who identify as white , 1

Whereas Student groups such as the Black Student Unions, Brother 2 Brother and Sister Circle have encountered incidents of bias at SUNY Fredonia,

Whereas the SUNY Fredonia states that no person shall be treated adversely or retaliated against based upon a protected characteristic 2

Whereas campus events such as the Black Lives Matter Vigil hosted by Black Student Union and The Event campus protest started a campus dialogue surrounding race and ethnicity

Whereas the Fredonia Student Association recognizes many different multicultural groups, such as Black Student Union, Native American Student Union, African Student Union, Caribbean Student Union, Latinos Unidos, South Asian Student Association, Korean International Student Society, Hillel, and many others, 3

Resolved that the Fredonia Student Association adopts a policy where bias and sensitivity training will be given each year, and be it further,

Resolved that all Elected Representatives, Executive Board members, and Members of the Rules, Budgets and Appropriations and Elections Committees will participate in this training once a year, and finally be it,

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the entire Fredonia Student Association General Assembly, as well as the Executive Boards of Black Student Union, Sister Circle, and Brother 2 Brother following its approval.

¹<http://home.fredonia.edu/about/fast-facts>

² <https://home.fredonia.edu/diversity/non-discrimination>

³ <http://sa.fredonia.edu/student-groups/>