



The Constitution Of The Student Bar Association

Syracuse University College Of Law

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Syracuse University College of Law, prompted by the desire to promote understanding among the students, faculty, administration and alumni, and recognizing the interest in unifying the students of the Syracuse University College of Law, do establish this Constitution in accordance with the rules of the Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse University, State of New York, and the United States of America.

ARTICLE I: GENERAL ORGANIZATION

SECTION A: NAME: This organization shall be known as the Student Bar Association of the Syracuse University College of Law, hereinafter, in its totality, referred to as the SBA.

SECTION B: STUDENT BODY: Every student is a member of the Student Body and shall be subject to this Constitution and law of the Student Body.

SECTION C: SBA SUPREMECY: The Senate governs and represents the Student Body. The SBA's actions, not otherwise limited by Student Body law, supersede those of all other organizations.

SECTION D: COMPOSITION BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

1. SBA shall be comprised of elected Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches.
2. Each class shall elect a Class President, Class Vice President, and Class Senators.
3. The Executive Board shall consist of the SBA President, SBA Vice President, and SBA Treasurer.
4. The Class Presidents shall appoint a class secretary, class historian—and the 3L Class President shall appoint the Social Chair—from among their respective class Senators.

SECTION E: JURISDICTION & AUTHORITY

1. The SBA shall be the governing body of the College of Law Student Body and student organizations.
2. The SBA shall have the power to formulate policies, manage the affairs of the Student Body, and have all powers prescribed by, and necessary for the proper execution of, those responsibilities as prescribed by this Constitution.
3. The SBA shall have no power or jurisdiction over complaints related to any protected class status outside of its authority over student organization membership nor have any power or jurisdiction over matters that are governed specifically under the College of Law Handbook of Academic Rules, Code of Student Conduct, and Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE II: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION A: LEGISLATIVE POWERS: All legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in a Student Senate.

SECTION B: SENATE COMPOSITION: The Student Senate shall be comprised of:

1. **SBA VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall preside over the Student Senate.
2. **CLASS SENATORS:** In the spring academic semester, each class shall elect one Senator for every thirty students.
 - a. If the number of students in a class is not evenly divisible by thirty, an additional Senator shall be elected if the remainder exceeds fifteen.
 - b. First-year students shall originally elect their representatives to one term no later than four weeks from the beginning of the fall academic term.
3. **CLASS OFFICERS:** All officers of each class shall also be voting members of the Student Senate.

SECTION C: APPORTIONMENT: The Student Senate shall reapportion itself:

1. By February 28 for the spring elections; and
2. By the first day of classes for the fall elections.

SECTION D: POWERS OF THE STUDENT SENATE: The Student Senate shall have the power to:

1. Determine its rules and procedures;
2. Provide for the control and disbursement of SBA discretionary funds;
3. Authorize Bills, by a majority vote of the membership, requiring the SBA President to perform or direct a Secretary to perform a particular function;
4. Authorize Resolutions, by a majority vote of the membership, proclaiming an opinion of the Senate;
5. Override the SBA President's veto, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, of a duly authorized funding disbursement, Resolution, or Bill;
6. Compel the attendance of absent members;
7. Censure or expel a member by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided the affected student Senator has received prior written notice two weeks before the next Senate meeting;
8. Provide for the elections of the SBA and be sole judge of the validity of election results;
9. Provide for the replacement of its members upon a vacancy in office;
10. Approve appointments and recommendations for the SBA President to Executive Cabinet positions;
11. Require information and appearance from any SBA official, or executive officer of any College of Law SBA approved organization;

12. Maintain the following standing Senate Committees: a. Diversity Affairs
b. Senate Affairs c. Appropriations
d. Create all necessary ad hoc committees to accomplish Senate responsibilities; and
13. Exercise any other power or duty provided for in the Constitution or laws of the Student Body.

SECTION E: PROHIBITION: The Student Senate shall not:

1. Deny speaking privileges in the Student Senate to the SBA President, Treasurer, Cabinet Secretaries during scheduled meetings, or any member of the Student Body wishing to address the Student Senate;
2. Meet in a closed session; or
3. Change the election laws during the two weeks before any scheduled Student Body election.

SECTION F: ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Members of the Student Senate must attend all official, regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Senate, Senate committee, or Class Council, and such special meetings which may from time to time be called by the Executive Branch or Class Council. In the event that a special meeting is called, the relevant authority must give Student Senators at least 48 hours notice. Failing that, the meeting may proceed, but Student Senators may not be issued an expulsion notice for failure to attend the meeting. SBA Members participating in an off-campus externship program are exempt from this policy as set out in the Bylaws.
2. If a Student Senator is unable to attend any regularly scheduled meeting or event, or any special meeting in which 48 hours notice is given, he or she must provide written notice 24 hours prior to the meeting or event to the Class President or Committee Chair who will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Members shall concurrently send notice to their Class President and Class Secretary in all instances. The Class President shall notify any Student Senator as soon as reasonably possible when he or she determines an absence was unexcused. Any Student Senator who misses a meeting without providing written notice or leaves a meeting early will accrue one unexcused absence.
3. The Senate shall establish policies to address absences in the SBA Bylaws. The Judicial Board shall conduct proceedings after an expulsion notice is issued.

SECTION G: VISITING SENATOR/JUDICIAL BOARD MEMBER

1. Those students who have been elected as Senators and will be absent from campus for one(1) semester must remain an active member of the SBA. Although the attendance policies are not applied in the same way, visiting senators are expected to check in with their class president bi-weekly and attend class-specific meetings electronically whenever

possible. If the class caucus feels as though the visiting senator is not actively participating in the SBA, they may present such a finding to the Executive Board for further action.

2. Visiting students that have been elected to the judicial board must be present, electronically, when needed in order to fulfill their responsibilities.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION A: EXECUTIVE POWER: All executive powers of the Student Body shall be vested in a SBA President, SBA Vice President, and SBA Treasurer comprising the Executive Board.

SECTION B: ELECTION: The SBA President, SBA Vice President, and SBA Treasurer shall be chosen in the spring semester by a majority of the Student Body voting in that election:

1. The SBA President, SBA Vice President, and SBA Treasurer shall serve for one-year terms;
2. Each member of the Executive Board shall be elected independently; and
3. A majority of votes shall be sufficient to elect members of the Executive Board using Instant Runoff Voting, pursuant to Article VI, Section F(4) of this Constitution.

SECTION C: POWERS OF THE SBA PRESIDENT: The SBA President shall:

1. Assure that Student Body laws are faithfully executed;
2. Have the power to veto all legislation passed by the Student Senate;
3. Present to the Student Senate each fall academic semester a State of the College;
4. Create and appoint committees or commissions not provided in the Constitution, if deemed necessary;
5. Convene special meetings of the Student Senate, if deemed necessary;
6. Appoint aides or other officials provided for in the SBA Bylaws, which shall be referred to as the President's Cabinet, who shall be confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Senate;
7. Appoint a Student Judicial Board Chief Justice, who shall be confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Senate, to serve as chair of the Judicial Board;
8. Appoint, by the last meeting of the spring semester, an American Bar Association Representative, who shall be approved by two-thirds of the Senate;
9. Appoint, within three weeks of the beginning of the fall semester, a Student Prosecutor and an Assistant Student Prosecutor, who shall be confirmed by two-thirds of the Senate;
10. Appoint Student Representatives from each class, who shall be confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Senate within six weeks of the first Senate meeting of each academic year, to serve as members of authorized Faculty Committees;
11. Appoint one Student Representative from each class to serve as Senators in the University Senate within two weeks of the first Senate meeting of each academic year;
12. Manage college wide Listserv communications;
13. Serve as an ex-officio member of all SBA executive committees;
14. Act as liaison, when necessary and appropriate, to the Chancellor of the University, the Dean of the College of Law and the Dean of Student Life;
15. Represent the SBA at all activities and functions and provide for additional or substitute representation when necessary;

16. Serve as a voting delegate, along with his/her nominated ABA Delegate, to the Law Student Division, or proxy his/her vote to a student of their choosing who will be attending Circuit meetings, as provided for by the Law Student Division rules; and
17. Exercise all other powers and duties provided by Student Body law.
18. Call and preside over all Inter-Club Council (ICC) meetings, which must be held at least once per semester.

SECTION D: POWERS OF THE SBA VICE PRESIDENT: The SBA Vice President shall:

1. Chair the Student Senate;
2. Assist the SBA President in the conduct of government;
3. Exercise the powers and duties of the SBA President in his absence;
4. Appoint aides or other officials not provided for by Student Body law;
5. Exercise all other powers and duties provided by Student Body law; and 6. Serve as the tie-breaking vote in the Senate.

SECTION E: POWERS OF THE SBA TREASURER: The Treasurer shall:

1. Act as the chief financial officer of the Student Body;
2. Attend the budget and finance meeting at the end of the spring semester, held by the Office of Student Life;
3. Keep complete and accurate accounts of all Student Body funds on deposit with the Office of Student Life; and
4. Assist the SBA President and Vice President in the conduct of government.

ARTICLE IV: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION A: COMPOSITION

1. Entering first-year class members shall elect two Judicial Board Panelist to serve on the College of Law Judicial Board:
 - a. The election of entering first-year judicial board members shall be conducted concurrently with the election of first-year class officers; and
 - b. The term of office will expire on the last day of April of the following year.
2. Each class shall elect three Judicial Board Panelist in the spring to serve on the College of Law Judicial Board pursuant to Article VI of this Constitution.
 - a. The election of Judicial Board Panelist shall be conducted concurrently with the election of SBA Executive Board and other Senate and Class offices;
 - b. Judicial Board Panelists shall be elected annually; and
 - c. A Judicial Board Panelist of the Judicial Board may not serve in any other elected position.
3. In April, the board shall elect one of its members to serve as Chief Judge in accordance with the procedures established by the board:
 - a. Upon vacancy of the officer prior to the end of the academic year, the board shall select one of its members to serve as Chief Judge in accordance with the internal procedures established by the board.

SECTION B: JURISDICTION

1. The Judicial Board Panelists shall constitute the Judicial Board.
2. The Judicial Board Panelists shall also serve as the student members of Syracuse University College of Law Academic Integrity Panel, pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.
3. The SBA President shall make initial rulings on the interpretation of this Constitution and Senate Bylaws:
 - a. The Senate, by a two-thirds majority, may override or amend the decision of the President; and
 - b. If the dispute continues, the president or simply majority of Senators may refer the issue to the Senate Judicial Board.
4. The SBA President or a simple majority of the Senate may request an advisory opinion of the Judicial Board on the constitutionality of a proposed amendment to the Senate Bylaws or any action of the Senate in relation to the Constitution or Bylaws.
5. The Judicial Board shall be the final arbiter of the interpretation of this Constitution and the Senate Bylaws in accordance with the internal procedures established by the Board.
6. Pursuant to the procedures established in Section B of this article, any member of the College of Law Student Body may file a complaint of a Constitutional violation in accordance with the internal procedures established by the Judicial Board.

7. The Judicial Board shall hear all complaints no more than ten school days after filing.
8. The Judicial Board shall report its findings on all constitutional matters within five school days of hearing the dispute, or ten days after receiving a request for an advisory opinion.

SECTION C: INTERNAL PROCEDURES

1. The internal procedures of the Senate Judicial Board are to be promulgated by the Chief Judge and filed with the Secretary of Communications each fall.
2. The Internal Procedures of the Judicial Board shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Rulings on constitutional disputes;
 - b. Response to Advisory Opinion Request;
 - c. Filings of complaints; and
 - d. Meeting and attendance of each meeting.

ARTICLE V: CLASS OFFICERS

SECTION A: CLASS PRESIDENT: The Class President of each class shall:

1. Represent the class in all matters as are necessary;
2. Speak for and represent the Class both within and outside of Syracuse University Community where necessary and appropriate;
3. Give a class report at each Senate meeting;
4. Coordinate and organize class activities;
5. Coordinate and organize all class fundraising events;
6. Call class Senate meetings as necessary;
7. Publish an agenda for all meetings 24 hours in advance of such meeting;
8. Perform other duties as specified within the Senate Constitution;
9. Attend all meetings and events that are necessary to effectively fulfill his/her duties;
10. Fulfill any and all duties that may be necessary and proper for the administration of their class;
11. Serve on an SBA Senate Committee; and
12. During 3L year, the Class President shall plan and organize commencement activities.

These activities shall include the following:

- a. Organizing and forming the class commencement committee;
- b. Meeting with the Faculty Commencement Advisor;
- c. Working with the administration on all logistical matters including:
 - i. Selection of the commencement speaker;
 - ii. Arrangements for both the Awards Ceremony and the Commencement Ceremony;
 - iii. Graduation programs, announcements, and invitations;
 - iv. Class photos;
 - v. The selection of the Professor of the Year;
 - vi. Arrangements for a class gift, if decided by the Class Senate;
 - vii. Writing and Delivering the Commencement Address; and
 - viii. Any other activities that are related to commencement.

SECTION B: CLASS VICE PRESIDENT: The Class Vice President shall:

1. Maintain all class financial records;
2. Assist the Class President as necessary;
3. Assume the Class President's duties in the event that the President is unavailable;
4. Perform other duties as specified within the SBA Constitution and Bylaws;
5. Attend all meetings and events that are necessary to effectively fulfill his/her duties;
6. Fulfill any and all duties that may be necessary and proper for the administration of their class;
7. Serve on a SBA Senate Committee; and

8. During 3L year, the Class Vice President shall assist the Class President in all commencement-related activities.

SECTION C: CLASS SECRETARY: The Class Secretary shall:

1. Record minutes for all Class Council meetings;
2. Ensure minutes for Class Council meetings are publicly available;
3. Provide notice of Class Council meetings to the Class Council, SBA President, and the public;
4. Serve as the official correspondent for the class;
5. Create a spread sheet of the attendance records of members and their current point totals for the public; and
6. Perform all other duties as assigned by the Class President.

SECTION D: CLASS HISTORIAN: The Class Historian shall:

1. Create a permanent record of the activities of the class;
2. Provide for public distribution of such records as necessary;
3. Collect and maintain information about class members' legal work experiences to encourage networking; and
4. Maintain contact with alumni to promote the College.

SECTION E: SOCIAL CHAIR: The Social Chair shall:

1. Coordinate and organize all social activities of the SBA;
2. Host one social per semester open to the student body;
3. Host one social per semester for SBA members;
4. Coordinate with student organizations for their events; and
5. Chair the Social Committee.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

SECTION A: SCHEDULE

1. Elections for The Executive Board, Class Officers, Class Senators, and First-year class Judicial Board Panel members shall be held annually during the spring semester, on a date to be determined by the Supervisor of Elections.
2. Elections for Class Officers, Class Senators, and Judicial Board Panel members for the entering first-year class shall be scheduled during the first four weeks of the fall semester.

SECTION B: SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

1. The Supervisor of Elections shall be a current third year law student appointed by the President and confirmed by 2/3 of the Senate.
2. The Supervisor shall have authority and control over the elections process which shall encompass:
 - a. The schedule and date for candidate declarations;
 - b. Making petitions available at least two weeks before elections; and
 - c. Circulation, collection and validation of petitions; dissemination of information regarding elections.
3. The Supervisor of Elections may recommend the enforcement of any election rules in this Constitution to the SBA Senate, who, by 2/3 vote, may refer the candidate to the judicial board. Possible judicial board sanctions include, but are not limited to, disqualification of the candidate.

SECTION C: CANDIDACY

1. Any member of the first- or second-year class shall be eligible for Executive Board Positions, with the exception of the SBA President, who must be elected from the current second-year class.
2. Any member of each respective class shall be eligible to be elected as a Class officer, Class Senator, or Judicial Board Panelist.
3. Any person running for an Executive Board position is not eligible to run for a Class officer position concurrently, but may run for a Class Senator position. If elected to both an Executive Board and a Class Senator position, the individual will serve in the Executive Board position and vacate their candidacy for Class Senator.
4. Students who will be participating in a program that involves their absence from the campus for a period of one(1) semester, such as the D.C. Program, Visiting Semester Program, or the Pro Bono Scholars program, may not run for a position as an executive board member (SBA President, Vice President, or Treasurer) or as a class president or vice president.
5. Students who will be participating in a program that involves their absence from the campus for a period of one(1) semester may run for a position as a senator or as a member of the judicial board.

SECTION D: CANDIDATE DECLARATION

1. Declaration of candidacy for Executive Board requires a petition:
 - a. Ten members of each voting class must sign petitions;
 - b. A signature of one individual may appear on the petition of more than one person for the same office; and
 - c. Petitions must be submitted in a timely fashion consistent with the instructions and guidelines authorized by the Supervisor of Election.
2. Declaration of candidacy for Class Officer, Class Senator, and Judicial Board Panelist requires petition:
 - a. Petitions must be signed by fifteen members of that particular class;
 - b. A signature of one individual may appear on the petition of more than one person for the same office; and
 - c. Petitions must be submitted in a timely fashion consistent with the instructions and guidelines authorized by the elections committee.
3. Candidates who are eligible to run and who know that they will be participating in a program that involves them not being present for a semester, such as the D.C. Program, Pro Bono, Scholars, or the Visiting Semester Program, are required to indicate so on their petition. Candidates must also be forthcoming with such information while campaigning.

SECTION E: CAMPAIGN RULES

1. No campaign materials may be posted prior to submission of completed petition and receipt of petition confirmation e-mail from the Supervisor of Elections.
2. Candidates may not post no more than ten (10) signs, no larger than 8.5” x 11”. All signs may be posted only on the various posting bulletin boards located throughout the law school that are allocated for student postings. Candidates may only post one sign per bulletin board. Within 48 hours after the election, candidates must remove campaign posters from the bulletin boards.
3. Candidates are free to use social media and the Internet without restriction, with the exception that only candidates for President and Vice President of the SBA are permitted to create websites for their campaigns. Candidates are reminded to be positive and professional in their use of social media and the Internet for voter outreach.
4. When using e-mail or a phone number for campaigning, a candidate may only send an e-mail to an address that has been intentionally volunteered to his or her campaign by the recipient.
5. Each candidate for Senate may not spend more than \$35.00 on his or her campaign; each candidate for class vice president may not spend more than \$50 on his or her campaign; each candidate for class president or vice president may not spend more than \$100 on his or her campaign; each candidate for SBA Executive Office may not spend more than \$250 on his or her campaign. All receipts must be saved; the Supervisor of elections may request to see receipts if there is any question raised as to the amount of money spent by a

candidate. Expenditures by supporters count toward the spending limits outlined by this rule.

6. Candidates may hand out fliers, stickers, or other items of de minimis value produced for the campaign; handouts must comply with the Student Code of Conduct. The cost of all handouts counts against the spending limits outlined in Section E5.
7. No SBA resources may be used in support of any one candidate for office, but SBA resources may be used to aid all candidates equally, such as advertising the election.
8. Write-in candidates must follow the same guidelines as the other candidates in terms of campaigning.
9. Campaigning in Class – Candidates should not use class time to campaign. Telling your classmates that you are running or encouraging them to vote is encouraged, but requesting speaking time from professors is not acceptable.

SECTION F: VOTING

1. Each member of the Student Body shall be eligible to vote for Executive Body positions.
2. All members of any particular class are eligible to vote in their class election.
3. Voting shall be done by secret ballot, consistent with the procedures and guidelines authorized by the Supervisor of Elections.
4. For all single seat elections, a majority of votes shall be sufficient to elect a candidate. In the event that no candidate receives a majority on the voters' first preferences, the Supervisor of Elections shall initiate the Instant Runoff process. Votes of the lowest vote receiver shall be redistributed to those voters' second choices. This process will be repeated until one candidate has a majority of all remaining votes, at which point that candidate is the winner.
5. A majority of votes shall be sufficient to elect members of the Executive Board using Instant Runoff Voting, pursuant to Article VI, Section F(4) of this Constitution.
6. Article V Class Officers shall be elected via Instant Runoff Voting, pursuant to Article VI, Section F(4) of this Constitution.
7. A plurality of votes cast shall be sufficient to elect all other offices.

SECTION G: HIERARCHY OF OFFICES

1. Officer candidates (both Senate and Class) may run concurrently for an officer position and Class senator, but may not run for both a SBA officer position and a class officer position.
2. Candidates elected to more than one position shall be seated in the highest office position.
3. The hierarchy of offices shall be as follows a Senate or Class Officer:
 - a. SBA or Class Officer
 - b. Class Senator
 - c. Judicial Board Panelist

SECTION H: INSTALLATION AND VACANCY

1. All elected members shall take office by the last week of April in a concurrent meeting with all members of the prior Senate.
2. Presidential Succession:
 - a. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of SBA President, the SBA Vice President shall immediately succeed to that office.
 - b. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of Class President, the Class Vice-President shall immediately succeed to that office.
3. Non-Presidential Executive Board Succession
 - a. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of the SBA Vice President, the Senate Pro Tempore, who shall be elected by a simple majority by the Senate, shall become Vice President. Immediately following a succession a new Senate Pro Tempore must be elected.
 - b. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of the Treasurer, the SBA President shall appoint a current Senator from the Senate Budget Committee, who shall be confirmed by 2/3 of the Senate, to fill the vacancy.
 - c. In the event that a vacancy still exists in the office of the Treasurer the position shall be filled by special election, no less than 2 weeks after the vacancy occurs, unless there are fewer than 8 weeks remaining in the term, then the position will be appointed by the SBA President from a member of the Budget and Allocations Committee and approved by the majority of the Senate.
4. Class Vice-Presidential Vacancy:
 - a. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of a Class Vice President, the Supervisor of Elections shall hold a new election within two weeks of the vacancy to fill the position.
5. Class Senatorial Vacancy:
 - a. In the event that any Class Senator or Judicial Board Panel vacancies still exist these positions shall be filled by the nomination by the appropriate Class President and confirmed by the majority vote of the appropriate Class Officers and Senators.
 - b. If the Class President elects to fill a single vacant Senate seat by a popular vote of the entire class' student body, the election must use Instant Runoff Voting, pursuant to Article VI, Section F(4) of this Constitution.
 - c. If the Class president chooses a popular election to nominate candidates to fill *multiple* Senate vacancies simultaneously, the election shall be held under Senate Election rules in Article VI, Section F(7).

SECTION I: INVALIDATION

1. If the Supervisor of Elections or the Senate as a whole shall determine that an election is invalid due to procedural defect or other reasons, it shall hold a new election within three

school weeks (excluding reason and final examination periods) of the date such election was deemed invalid.

2. The Supervisor of Elections and the Senate as a whole shall make a determination of validity within five school days after the election:
 - a. The Supervisor must post written notice within one day after determination, stating the reasons for the new election.
 - b. If such a new election is held, only those candidates who were eligible at the time of the first election shall be eligible to be elected in the new election.

SECTION J: ELECTION CHALLENGE

1. Any student may challenge the Supervisor's determination:
 - a. Such challenges must be made in writing to the Supervisor, within five school days.
 - b. While such a challenge or an appeal is pending, no newly elected officer may be installed.
2. If the Supervisor deems it necessary to make a determination on the challenge, it must do so within five school days of the challenge:
 - a. Any student shall be competent to appeal to the Judicial Board any determination of the Supervisor based on a challenge.
 - b. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the currently installed SBA President within five school days following the election committee determination.
3. If the Judicial Board makes no determination within the five-day period after the challenge, an appeal may be taken to the outgoing Executive Board and its decision shall be final.

ARTICLE VII: REMOVAL

SECTION A: EXPULSION NOTICE

1. A member of Senate can only be removed from his/her position after the issuance of an expulsion notice pursuant to a procedure set forth in this Constitution and/or Bylaws.
2. The expulsion notice must list the charges against the Senate member.

SECTION B: LEGITIMACY

1. When deciding on expulsion in the Senate the legitimacy of the basis for the charges and what is alleged must be considered.
2. When deciding on expulsion in the Judicial Board the legitimacy of the basis for the charges and what is alleged must be considered.

SECTION C: MOTION TO EXPEL

1. At the next Senate meeting after the issuance of an expulsion notice, the Senate may entertain a motion to expel the member:
 - a. A two-thirds majority is required for the motion to pass;
 - b. Failing a two-thirds vote, the matter shall end and the motion cannot be tabled.
2. Should the motion to expel the member be based on a violation of the attendance policy and pass by a two-thirds majority, unless appealed, the position shall be considered vacant:
 - a. An expulsion based on a violation of the attendance policy may be appealed to the Judicial Board.
 - b. If upheld, the position will be filled consistent with the provisions of this constitution that cover vacancies.
3. Should the motion to expel the member not be based on a violation of the attendance policy, upon a two-thirds majority of the Senate approving the expulsion, the matter must be referred to the Judicial Board for adjudication.

SECTION D: JUDICIAL BOARD HEARING

1. The Judicial Board, upon notification that the Senate has voted to expel a member by two-thirds majority for reasons other than a violation of the attendance policy or that an expulsion based on a violation of the attendance policy has been appealed, shall hold a hearing regarding the expulsion.
2. During adjudication or appeal, the member remains in his/her office.
3. The hearing shall be held within 10 days of the approval of the motion to expel the member.
4. A decision must be rendered within five days after the hearing.
5. All interested parties shall be afforded the opportunity to speak subject to the approval of the Chief Judge.

SECTION E: JUDICIAL BOARD DECISION

1. Following a hearing, a majority vote of the Judicial Board shall sustain the expulsion and the member's position shall be considered vacant.
2. Failing a majority vote, the expulsion shall be deemed invalid, the member shall not be expelled on that basis, and the matter shall end.
3. Any ruling of the Judicial Board on matters of expulsion is final.

SECTION F: VACANCY

1. Vacancies created by an expulsion shall be filled pursuant to Article VI Section G.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS & RATIFICATION

SECTION A: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the Senate or by petition to the Senate signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the Student Body. There shall be adequate publication of the proposed amendments for a period of two-weeks before a referendum.
2. This Constitution is amended by a two-thirds vote of those members of the Student Body who vote on the referendum.

SECTION B: RATIFICATION

1. This Constitution shall become effective upon its ratification by a two-thirds majority of the ballots cast in a general election.
2. Upon ratification of this Constitution, all prior constitutions shall be null and void.

ARTICLE IX: LL.M. CLASS REPRESENTATION

SECTION A: LL.M. SENATOR: In the fall academic semester, the LL.M. class shall elect one Senator to serve as the sole representative of the LL.M. class to the Student Senate.

SECTION B: ROLE: The LL.M. Senator will serve as a fully-functioning member of the Student Senate, with all the rights and responsibilities that ARTICLE II of this constitution affords.

SECTION C: ELECTION

1. The SBA shall hold the LL.M. election concurrently with first-year class elections.
2. The LL.M. Senate election must comply with all provisions of Article VI of this Constitution, except that the LL.M. class shall be exempt from the provisions of Article VI, Section D (Candidate Declaration).

SECTION D: COMPLIANCE: Unless otherwise exempted, the LL.M. Senator shall comply with all Student Senate rules and regulations, including this Constitution and the SBA Bylaws.