

# **Student Body Constitution of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts**

## **Preamble**

We, the students of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, desiring to preserve within the University an atmosphere of free discussion, inquiry, and self-expression, to insure the personal freedom and general welfare of the Student Body, and to continue in the tradition of responsible self-government, do hereby establish this constitution and Association.

## **Article 1. General.**

### **Section 1. Mission.**

The purpose of the Student Artists Association shall be to unify the campus community and to ensure that student concerns are a priority in all decisions made by the University.

### **Section 2. Objectives.**

The objectives of the Student Artists Association shall be to:

1. represent the student body to the University and the community;
2. maintain each student's right to a quality education;
3. address and act on the interests of students at the University; and
4. organize and promote campus activities.

### **Section 3. Franchise.**

All students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts shall be constituents of the Student Artists Association. All students in good standing shall be eligible to join and participate in the Student Government Association.

### **Section 4. Composition.**

The Student Artists Association shall consist of the Executive officers and the Student Assembly.

### **Section 5. Session.**

The session of the Student Artists Association shall begin the first of July and end the thirtieth day of June.

## **Article 2. Executive.**

### **Section 1. Executive officers.**

The executive power of the Student Artists Association shall be vested in an elected Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, and in such other executive officers as may be appointed pursuant to this Constitution.

### **Section 2. Student Body President.**

The Student Body President shall:

1. be the Chief Executive Officer of the Student Government Association;
2. represent the Student Body and the Student Government Association in any official capacity and act as its primary spokesperson;
3. preside at meetings of the Executive Board;
4. have the authority to veto any act of the Student Assembly within seven days;
5. enforce and administer all acts adopted by the Student Assembly; and
6. appoint a Secretary of the Student Assembly; and
7. have such other duties as the Student Body Statutes may provide.

### **Section 3. Student Body Vice President.**

The Student Body Vice President shall:

1. assist the Student Body President in the performance of his or her duties;
2. assume the office of Student Body President in the event of the resignation or removal of the same;
3. call to order, set an agenda for, and be the presiding officer of meetings of the Student Assembly;
4. vote in matters before the Student Assembly should it be equally divided;
5. have such other duties as the Student Body Statutes may provide.

### **Section 4. Election of the President and Vice President.**

The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected for a one year term by a majority of those voting in the spring general election. The President and Vice President must be enrolled, degree-seeking students in good standing at the University at the time of election and throughout their terms of office.

### **Section 5. Vacancies.**

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Student Body Vice President, the President shall appoint a replacement to be approved by the Student Assembly.

### **Section 6. Divisions.**

The operations of the Executive branch shall be organized into divisions, administered by an Executive officer and composed of such other officials as may be prescribed by Executive Order or the statutes. Each Division shall implement the various policies, programs, and other initiatives placed under its jurisdiction.

### **Section 7. Directors.**

The Student Body President, with the concurrence of the Student Body Vice President, shall appoint Directors to each executive division, who shall be subject to approval by the Student Assembly. The Director of each division shall produce a monthly report of the activities of the same.

### **Section 8. Executive Manager.**

The Student Body President shall appoint an Executive Manager, who shall be Director of the Association Division of Finance and Administration and assist the President with his financial and administrative obligations.

**Section 9. Executive Board.**

The Executive Board shall be generally responsible for conducting the business of the Association. The Board shall be composed of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, and any Directors appointed by the President pursuant to this Constitution.

**Section 10. Compensation.**

The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, and such other officials as the statutes may provide shall be entitled to monetary compensation at a rate stipulated in the Student Body Statutes. No amendment varying the rate of compensation for the services of any official shall take effect until the following session of the Association.

**Article 3. Representative.****Section 1. Student Assembly.**

The Student Assembly shall:

1. establish its own rules of procedure by majority vote, which shall be included in the Student Body Statutes;
2. enact and amend the Student Body Statutes by two thirds vote;
3. adopt all legislation necessary and proper to promote the personal freedom and general welfare of the student body;
4. maintain a journal of its proceedings and votes, which shall be published at the earliest opportunity;
5. confirm or reject appointments of the Student Body President by a majority vote, except those minor appointments that the statutes may exempt.
6. try all impeachments and suspend or remove from office by a three fourths vote any elected or appointed official for malfeasance; and
7. have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed by the statutes.

**Section 2. Meetings.**

The Student Assembly shall meet at the call of the Vice President, provided it meets no fewer than once each month between October and May, except December.

**Section 3. Membership.**

The membership of the Student Assembly shall be open to all students in good standing, provided that the Executive officers shall not be members of the Assembly during their term of office.

**Section 4. Presiding officer.**

The Student Body Vice President shall be the presiding officer of the Assembly, and shall have no vote except in case of a tie.

**Section 5. Secretary.**

The Executive Manager shall serve as Secretary, who shall maintain the journal and the list of membership. The Secretary shall also distribute the agenda and the journal as directed by the Student Body Vice President.

### **Article 5. Student Body Statutes.**

The Student Body Statutes of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, or the Student Body Statutes, shall be the bylaws of this Constitution and shall be adopted by a two thirds vote of the Student Assembly.

### **Article 6. Ratification and Amendments.**

The adoption of this Constitution, and of amendments to the same, shall be proposed by a two thirds vote of the Student Assembly and shall be ratified by a simple majority of all students voting in the spring general election.