PREAMBLE

We, the students of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, in order to produce a more effective student governing body, to express the general interest of the Student Body, to encourage a harmonious student-faculty-administration relationship, to provide for full student participation in student government, and to stimulate growth among students toward progressive citizenship, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Student Body of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Article I
Name and Jurisdiction

Section 1 Name

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Body, hereinafter referred to as the Student Body. The governing entity of the Student Body shall be the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association, hereinafter referred to as SGA.

Section 2 Jurisdiction

The Student Body consists of all students registered at Florida A&M University, who pay Activity and Service Fees and shall be subject to the Student Body Constitution, the Student Body Statutes and the Student Code of Conduct.

Article II
Branches of Government

The Branches of the SGA shall be: (1) The Legislative Branch, (2) The Executive Branch, and (3) The Judicial Branch
Article III
Legislative Branch

Section 1 Composition

The Student Senate shall be composed

A. Eight (8) representatives from each of the four (4) academic classes (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior). Freshman and Junior Senators serve two years that is considered to be a one term and Graduate Senators serve only one year, which is considered a term.

B. Three (3) representatives from the Graduate Division, with each serving a one (1) year term.

C. A Senate President and Senate Pro-Tempore shall be elected from the Senate Body by a majority vote of the entire Senate membership at the time for election as stated in the Senate Rules of Procedure.

D. Student Senate Officers and Staff elected or appointed as stated in the Senate Rules of Procedure.

Section 2 Legislative Authority

The Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association shall be the Student Senate. All legislative powers of SGA shall be vested in the Student Senate.

Section 3 Election and Appointment of the Student Senate

A. Freshman and Graduate Senators shall be elected at large in the Fall Term Elections, and Junior Senators shall be elected at large in the Spring Term Elections.

B. All Elections will be held according to the procedures specified in the Election Code and related Statues.

C. Senate vacancies, which occur due to registration, dismissal, or extenuating circumstances, shall be filled according to the Senate Rules of Procedure.

Section 4 Oath
Each Senate member shall repeat the following oath prior to assuming office:
"I (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) to defend, uphold, and abide by the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association and the Policies of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and to faithfully execute the responsibility of the Student Senate to the best of my ability."

The SGA President or his/her designee shall administer the oath. Section 5 Senate Sessions
A. Regular session of the Student Senate shall begin during the first week of classes of the Fall Term and terminate the last week of regular classes of the Spring Term.

B. If deemed necessary by the Senate President, Summer Planning Sessions shall begin during the first week of classes of the Summer Term and terminate on the last week of regular classes of the summer term. The Summer Planning Session shall consist of those Senators enrolled in the Summer Term.

Section 6 Senate Powers and Duties
The Student Senate shall be empowered
A. Enact, by majority vote, constitutional bylaws, to be known as the System of Student Body Statutes, with the exception of bylaws concerning elections, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

B. Propose and take all necessary actions on Constitutional Amendments. C. Provide for the compilation and publication of legislation.

D. Create such committees or agencies, as it deems necessary for proper conduct of its business.

E. Confirm all Presidential appointments and appointments recommended by the Elections and Appointments Committee with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

F. Impeach elected and appointed SGA officials

G. Make all laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the function and powers of the Student Government Association as stated in this Constitution.

H. Require at any regular meeting, by majority vote, an explanation of any action taken by any Student Senate member, an officer of an Activity and Service Fee funded Agency,
or a member of the Student Government Association taken in his/her official capacity.

I. Approve and allocate the Activity and Service Fee Fiscal Budget of SGA as provided by Florida Statute (F.S. 1009.24) (9) (b) and the Student body Statues.

J. Establish its meeting times and rules of proceedings, in accordance with this Constitution and the Senate Rules of Procedure.

K. Establish means through which the Student Body can actively participate in the formulation of policies affecting the students of Florida Agricultural and mechanical University.

L. Override a veto by the SGA President by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

O. Override a line-item veto by the SGA president of the A&S budget with a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. These line items shall be addressed individually.

P. Investigate the use of Activity ad Service Fees by any department or agency of the University.

Q. Pass resolution with a majority vote, as it deems necessary and proper express the will or opinion of the Student body.

Section 7 Meetings

The Student Senate shall meet at least three times each month of the academic year.

Section 8 Quorum

A majority of Student Senators shall constitute as quorum.

Section 9 Limitation of Power

No law, act charter, or contractual agreement of any type passed by the Student Senate shall be construed to limit or modify any of the powers granted by this Constitution, except by Constitutional Amendment.

Section 10 Impeachment

All SGA officers may be impeached for misfeasance, malfeasance, and/or nonfeasance of duty, or action contrary to or in violation of this Constitution, the Statues of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and/or University policy. Impeachment shall be instigated by a one-third (1/3) vote of the Student Senate membership.
Impeachment shall be defined as making an accusation and charging an individual with misfeasance, malfeasance, and/or nonfeasance of duty, to be tried before the Student Supreme Court as a Tribunal, with the Chief Justice presiding. Removal can only take place through the referendum process established in the system of Student Body Statutes.

**Article IV**

**Executive Branch**

Section 1 Composition

The Executive Branch of SGA shall consist of the President; Vice President; the following cabinet offices: Chief of Staff, Attorney General, and Comptroller; Department of State, Department of Academic Affairs, Department of Communications, Department of Student Lobbying, Department of Economic Development, Department of Student Welfare, Office of the Surgeon General, and Department of Athletic Affairs. However, the SGA President shall have the power to appoint additional positions as needed.

Section 2 Executive Powers

All executive powers of SGA shall be vested in the SGA President, assisted by the Vice President, Cabinet Officers, and other executive appointees.

Section 3 Election of Executive Officers

The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be elected on a joint ticket, according to the System of Student Body Statutes, by a majority vote of the Student Body. They shall serve a one-year term to office following the Spring elections.

Section 4 Oath

Prior to assuming office, the SGA President and Vice President shall be administered the following oath by the Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee:

> I (name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) to defend, uphold, and abide by the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association and the policies of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and faithfully execute the responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability."

Section 5 Duties and Powers of the SGA President

The SGA President shall have the specific powers and duties to:

A. Appoint administrative, cabinet and executive officers with the concurrence of a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate.
B. Appoint executive standing and ad-hoc committees.
C. Appoint qualified student to vacant SGA offices, except those of the Student Senate, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
D. Appoint the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice to the Student Supreme court when vacancies exist, subject to Student Senate approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
E. Appoint justices to the Student Supreme Court when vacancies exist, subject to Student Senate approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
F. Serve as an ex-officio (non-voting), acting member of all executive committees.
G. Remove administrative, cabinet, and executive officers of the Executive Branch, with the exception of the Vice-President. (Pursuant to F.S. 1004.26)
H. Recommend the removal of elected officers. (Pursuant to F.S. 1004.26)
I. Call and preside over meetings of the Executive Branch.
J. Call special meetings of the entire Student Government Association.
K. Administrate, enforce, and abide by the law of the Student Body.
L. Approve all expenditures from the Student Government Executive Budget.
M. Provide for the effective expenditure of student funds, as stated in the System of Student Body Statues.
N. Serve as a voting member of the university board of trustees.
O. Call for a referendum by the Student Body when appropriate. The referendum must then be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate when appropriate.
P. (1) Enact legislation by his/her signature within five (5) school days of passage of all measures from the Student Senate, or veto legislation by written notification to the Student Senate President within five (5) school days of Student Senate action. If, after five (5) school days, no action is taken, all legislation takes effect. (2) The SGA President may veto line items in the Activity and Service Fiscal budget as well as other appropriation bills passed by the Student Senate. A written explanation of the line item veto must be sent to the Senate president no later than the five (5) school days prior to the final passage of the A&S Fiscal Budget. The procedure in such cases shall be the same as in the case of the disapproval of an entire bill by the SGA President.
Q. Recommend to the University President students for appointment to university wide councils, committees, and boards with student seats. (Pursuant to F.S. 1004.26)
R. Recommend to the University President the removal of any student member of a university wide council, or board for reasons of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of duty after a majority vote of the Student Senate.
S. Represent the Student Body on the State council of Student Body Presidents, the Florida Student Association, or their equivalents.
T. Officially represent the Student Body at functions on or off the University campus in person or through an appointed representative.
U. Prepare written recommendations to the Student Senate for Activity and Service Fee Budget.
V. The President shall deliver a State of the Students Address once per semester in a formal address to the student body.

Section 6 Duties and powers of the SGA Vice President
The SGA Vice President shall:

A. Assume the powers of the SGA President upon the President's request, absence, or removal.
B. Serve as a delegate to the University Faculty Senate or its equivalent.
C. Assist the SGA President in the general policy and administration of the Executive Branch.

Section 7. Order of Succession

Should the SGA President, for any reason, become unable to serve, the SGA Vice President shall succeed him/her. In the event that the office of the SGA Vice President becomes vacant, the SGA President shall name a new Vice-President subject to the Student Senate approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. In case both the SGA President and Vice President subject to the Student Senate approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. In case both the SGA President and Vice President are unable to serve, the order of succession is as follows:

1. Chief of Staff
2. Attorney General
3. Senate President
4. Senate President Pro-Tempore
5. Comptroller
6. Secretary of State
7. Secretary of Academic Affairs
8. Director of Student Lobbying
9. Secretary of Communications
10. Surgeon General
11. Secretary of Athletic Affairs

Article V
Judicial Branch

Section 1 Organization

The Judicial Branch of the Student Supreme Court, the Student Traffic Court, and such other courts as the State of Florida Legislature may ordain and establish as needed.

Section 2 Composition

The Student Supreme Court shall be composed of:

A. Seven (7) justices appointed by the SGA President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. Five (5) justices shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of the majority present shall be necessary to render a decision.
B. A Chief Justice appointed by the SGA President from among the seven (7) justices, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

C. An Associate Chief Justice Appointed by the SGA President from among the seven (7) justices, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

D. A Solicitor General who shall represent all SGA officials and/or students-at-large who appear before the Student Supreme Court appointed by the SGA President.

E. A Legal Counsel who shall be the chief legal advisor to the Student Supreme Court appointed by the SGA President.

F. A Clerk of Courts to keep records, which shall be appointed by the Chief Justice and chosen from outside the Student Supreme Court.

G. A bailiff, who shall be responsible for courtroom preparation and the swearing in of witnesses, shall be appointed by the Chief Justice and chosen from outside the Student Supreme court. He/She shall serve on a volunteer basis.

H. The Chief Justice may appoint other court officers and staff members to conduct administrative duties as needed. The Student Senate must approve all such appointments.

Section 3 Judicial Authority

The Student Supreme Court shall have

A. Over cases and controversies involving questions of Constitutionality of actions by the students, student governing groups, and student organizations, with reference to this Constitution.

B. Over violations of the System of Student Body Statues.

C. Over conflicts between students, student groups, or organizations.

D. Over the issuance of all summons of students to appear before the Student Supreme Court.

E. Over such matters as may be provided for in the Board of Education (BOE), Board of Governors (BOG) and University Rules.

F. Over the determination of the quality of penalties for students or student organizations in violation of legislation enacted by the Student Senate under the provisions of this Constitution and the guidelines set forth in the Student Government Statues, except in cases of impeachment.

G. Over the adoption of rules governing its practices and procedures unless otherwise defined by the System of Student Body Statues.

Section 4 Administrative-Practice and Procedure

A. The Chief Justice shall serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Judicial System and shall be vested with the rules adopted by the court and the authority to:

1. Assign duties among the Justices of the Court.
2. Supervise the administration of the Court and all judicial matters.
3. Conduct and preside over court proceedings.
4. Rule and procedural questions that arise during the course of Judicial Proceedings.
5. Rule on the pertinence of evidence presented before the court as established by System of Student Body Statues and other related documents.
6. Report orally and in writing the recommendations of the court.
7. Recommend measures to the Student Senate for the improvement of the administration of justice.
8. Keep all records of the Court, release them in accordance with the law and the Board of Regents rules and regulations, and deliver to his/her successor all permanent records of the court.

B. The Associate Chief Justice shall be authorized to assume the powers of the Chief Justice, in his/her absence.

C. Students who will be tried before the Student Supreme Court shall be notified in writing at least one week before the date of the trial. This notice shall contain a statement of the charges; the date, time, and place of the hearing; an explanation of the general procedure that will be followed; and an explanation of the students' rights.

D. The Supreme Court shall have sole authority over the issuance of all summons of students to appear before the Student Supreme Court.

E. Over such matters as may be provided for in the Board of Education (BOE), Board of Governors (BOG) and University Rules.

F. Over the determination of the quality of penalties for student or student organizations in violation of legislation enacted by the Student Senate under the provisions of this Constitution and the guidelines set forth in the Student Code of Conduct, except in cases of impeachment.

G. Over the adoption of rules governing its practices and procedures unless otherwise defined by the System of Student Body Statues.

Section 5 Student Rights

The accused shall have: the right to counsel (appointed by the Solicitor General if the accused desires), the right to appeal for a closed trial, the right to a speedy trial and the right to appeal to the Vice President of Student Affairs and the University President.
Section 6 Sessions

A. The Chief Justice shall call regular sessions of the Student Supreme Court whenever he/she deems necessary. Such announcements shall be made public.

B. The Student Supreme Court must meet within one week after a petition has been presented to consider said positions.

C. Hearings may be closed at the Court's discretion.

Section 7 The Oath

Prior to assuming office, the Justices of the Student Supreme Court shall be administered the following oath by the SGA President or his/her designee.

"I (name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) to defend, uphold, and abide by the Constitution and Statues of the Student Government Association and the policies of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and faithfully execute the responsibility of the Student Supreme Court to the best of my ability."

Section 8 Traffic Court

Shall consist of five (5) judges appointed by the SGA President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. The Traffic Court shall have jurisdiction over all student nonmoving traffic cases.

Article VI
Elected Non-Governmental Representatives

Section 1 Composition

Mr. and Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Mr./Miss FAMU) as well as, the King and Queen of Orange and Green are elected representatives of the entire Student Body, but do not serve as members of the Student Government Association.

The Attendants to Mr. and Miss FAMU and the individual Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents are elected representatives of their respective classes, but do not serve as members of the Student Government Association.

Section 2 Mr. & Miss Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University

Mr. & Miss Florida A&M University shall have the specific powers and duties to:

A. Officially represent the entire student body at any function on or off the University campus.
B. Promote school spirit at athletic events and other campus activities.
C. Initiate and maintain a community service project throughout their reign.

Section 3 Class Attendants

The Graduate, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Attendants have the specific powers and duties to:

A. Officially represent their respective classes at any function on or off the University campus.
B. Assist Miss FAMU in her duties.
C. Assume the powers of Miss FAMU upon her request, absence, or removal.

Section 4 Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents

The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall have the specific powers and duties to:

A. Represent their respective classes.
B. Coordinate activities or projects that pertain to their respective classes.
C. Serves on the H. Manning Jefferson Student Union Board of Advisors.

Section 5 Succession of Mr. and Miss FAMU

Should Mr. or Miss FAMU, for any reason, become unable to serve, he/she shall notify the Electoral Commission. The First Runner Up in the Spring Elections, proceeding the reign of Mr. and Miss FAMU, shall fill the vacancy. If the Runner Up is unable and/or unwilling to serve as Mr. or Miss FAMU, a special election shall be held with the two-thirds approval of the Senate.

Article VII
Election of Officers

Section 1 Time

Election of the SGA President and Vice-President; Mr. and Miss FAMU; the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Attendants; The Electoral Commissioner; King and Queen of Orange and Green; the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class Presidents and Vice Presidents; and Junior Senators shall be held in the Spring Semester of each year during the eight week of the semester, except in cases deemed necessary by the Electoral Commissioner with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. Elections for Freshman Class Presidents and Vice-President, the Freshman Attendant, the Graduate Attendant, Freshman Senators, and Graduate Division Senators shall be held in the Fall Semester of each year on the second
Section 2 Office Tenure

A. The SGA President and Vice President shall assume office on the day after the last day of finals in the Spring Semester of each year and shall serve for one calendar year.

B. During the period when the SGA President-Elect is determined and until the aforementioned date that he/she assumes office, the SGA President-Elect will only be empowered to formulate the SGA Executive Branch Budget in conjunction with the SGA Budget Committee as delineated by the SGA Finance Code and to select his/her cabinet for Student Senate approval with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

C. Mr./Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Attendants; the Electoral Commissioner; Junior Senators; the King and Queen of Orange and Green; and the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall assume their reign of office on the day after the last day of finals in the Spring Semester.

Section 3 Electoral Commissioner

The Electoral Commissioner shall be elected during the Spring Semester and serve until a new Commissioner is elected. He/she shall have complete administrative responsibility for carrying out elections under this Constitution. He/she must be a sophomore or above at the time he/she declares his/her candidacy.

Section 4 Electoral Commission

There shall be an Electoral Commission to assist the Commissioner in carrying out the responsibilities of his/her office. It shall consist of fifteen (15) individuals selected by the Electoral Commissioner. They must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate in order to serve.

Article VIII
Qualifications for Office

Section 1 Classification

For the purpose of this Article the following explanations are given. Freshmen are those students having less than 30 semester hours. Sophomores are those students having 30-59 semester hours inclusively. Junior are those students having 60-89 semester hours inclusively. Seniors are those students having 90 or more semester hours. Graduate students are those students enrolled in a Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Graduate Program.
Section 2 Requirements

All persons running and holding an elected or appointed position must be an enrolled, registered full time student of FAMU and must meet the following qualifications:

A. SGA President

A candidate for this office must be a member of the Junior class or higher by the first day of the Fall Semester of his/her prospective term. He/She must pass all institutional requirements, and must not have been convicted of any major offense by the Student Supreme Court or any Administrative Hearing Panels. He/She must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 at the time of declaration of candidacy.

B. SGA Vice President

Candidates for this office must meet the same qualifications as are required for candidacy for SGA President, with the exception that he/she must be classified as a Sophomore or higher at the time he/she takes office.

C. Student Senate

1. Senate President: Candidates for this office must have the same qualifications as are required for candidates for SGA Vice President. In addition, he/she must also have one academic year of Student Senate tenure to be elected to office.

2. Student Senators: All candidates shall have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at election, with the exception of freshmen. However, all Freshmen must obtain a minimum 2.5 grade point average at the end of the first semester. The Student Supreme Court or any Administrative Discipline Hearing must not have convicted him/her of any major offenses.

D. Justices of the Student Supreme Court

1. Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice: A prospective appointee to these positions must meet the same qualifications required for SGA Vice Presidential candidates. In addition, he/she must have on academic year of Supreme Court tenure to be eligible for appointment.

2. Justices: Persons appointed, as Supreme Court Justices must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. They shall serve until graduation unless removed by impeachment or resignation.
E. All SGA officers must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better, pass all standard institutional requirements, and must not have been convicted of any major offense by the Student Supreme Court or the Administrative Hearing Panels.

F. Mr./Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University persons who are candidates for this office must be at least a junior by the first day of the Fall semester of his/her prospective reign. He/She must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better at the time of declaration of candidacy and must not have been convicted by any Administrative Hearing Panels or the Student Supreme court of any major offense during her college career.

G. Class Attendants (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate)

Persons who are candidates for this office must meet the same requirements as Mr. and Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, except they must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at the time of declaration of candidacy and be members of their respective classes at the time they take office.

H. Orange and Green Participants

Persons who are candidates for King and Queen of Orange and Green must be at least a sophomore by the first day of the Fall semester of his/her prospective reign. Each candidate must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at the time of the declaration of candidacy and must not have been convicted by the Student Supreme Court or any Administrative Hearing Panels.

I. Class Officers

1. Class President: Persons who are candidates for this office must meet the same qualifications required for SGA Vice Presidential Candidates with the exception that he/she must be a member of his/her respective class at the time he/she takes office.

2. Class Vice President: Persons who are candidates for this office must meet the same requirements as Class Presidents.

J. Any individual not meeting the criteria in this section shall not be eligible for elected or appointed office, or any of the rights and privileges vested therein.

Section 3 Enrollment Tenure

All candidates for elected office at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University must have been enrolled at the University for at least one complete semester at the time they declare their
candidacy and must serve for one academic year, except for SGA President and Vice President, Mr. and Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Candidates for the office of President, Vice President, and Mr. and Miss Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall have been enrolled at the University for at least two full semesters at the time they declare their candidacy and must serve one academic year, except for the President and Vice President of SGA, who will serve for a summer and an academic year.

Freshmen, however, are exceptions to the enrollment tenure and shall be eligible for all freshmen elected positions.

**Article IX Finance**

**Section 1 Development of Activity & Service Fee Budget**

A. The allocation and expenditure of Activity & Service Fee (A&S Fees) shall be determined by the SGA Student Senate. The University or SGA President may veto any line item or portion thereof within the budget when submitted by the SGA Student Senate.

B. All agencies or organizations seeking allocation from the A&S Fee Fund shall submit to the Senate Organization and Finance Committee (OFC), or its designated equivalent, a proposed operating budget for the next academic year and financial statements of the present and, if possible preceding years.

C. After proper budget hearings, allocation to the A&S agencies shall be recommended by the OFC to the Student Senate. The Student Senate shall have the final vote, with the exception of vetoed line items by the University President and SGA President as stated by statute (F. S. 1009.24) or its legislative designated equivalent.

**Section 2 Public Records**

A. All SGA records (including salaries, legal documents, expenditures, etc.) shall be open to inspection to the public, at reasonable times, under reasonable conditions, under supervision by the custodian of the records (Attorney General) or his/her designee (F.S. 119.07)

B. All A&S Fee funded agencies shall keep a ledger of all expenditures and shall be required to file receipts of all purchases in a proper storage area and shall be made available to the public.
C. The SGA reserves the right to investigate an allegation of improper use of student funds through the SGA Comptroller, an appointed auditor, or an auditing commission. Those agencies found in violation of improper use of funds shall be subject to Student Senate and Student Supreme Court penalties as well as any state or federal laws applicable.

Article X
Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1 Amendments
The Student Senate shall propose amendments to this Constitution or amendments may be proposed by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the Student Body.

Section 2 Procedure
To amend any part of this Constitution, proposed amendments must be introduced in writing by a Student Senator at a regular Senate meeting. Upon release by the committee(s), the amendments shall be read a second time during the Senate meeting.

Section 3 Referendum
If an amendment is defeated by the Student Senate and not referred to the Student Body for vote, it shall be (when presented to the Student Senate by a petition by ten percent (10%) of the Student Body), automatically placed on the ballot by the Student Senate for referendum. Such amendments shall be adopted when ratified by majority of those voting in a referendum.

Section 4 Limitation of Amendments
A. No more than three (3) sections of any one (1) article of this Constitution may be amended during the course of an academic year. Any further revisions after such limitation shall require passage by a Constitutional Convention, comprised of members from the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches.

B. A Constitutional Convention Committee shall be created by a majority vote of the Student Senate and composed of three (3) delegates from each branch of Student Government, who shall be the only voting members of this committee and chosen by the Chief Officer of each branch. The Constitutional Convention Committee shall be the review committee of all Constitutional Amendments exceeding the stated limit in Subsection A and shall function as an ad hoc Legislative Committee with the Senate President Pro-Tempore or his/her designee presiding. Passage of the revised Constitution from this committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Committee.
C. A two-thirds (2/3) approval of each of the three branches individually is necessary for referral to the Student Body for referendum.

D. The revised Constitution shall be adopted when ratified by a majority of those voting in a campus wide referendum.