Weber State University Student Association

Proposed Constitution

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Weber State University Student Association, in order to form a more effective association, ensure a representative and orderly system of self-governance, establish internal justice, promote and defend those inalienable rights and pursuant responsibilities common to all persons, as well as those provided by federal, state, and institutional authorities, and to pursue the fulfillment of the mission of this institution do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

Organizational Purpose and Responsibility

The Weber State University Student Association (WSUSA) has been established by the President of Weber State University under Section V: Student Organization and Activities of PPM 6-22, Student Code, and under Utah state law to provide for the general welfare of the students of Weber State University (WSU) through principles of self-governance and shared governance. The structure of the WSUSA is designed to provide representative leadership; therefore, the WSUSA officers shall promote the opinions and the interests of the student body as their voice and trusted representatives. The WSUSA is intended to provide student participation in academic, administrative, and extra-curricular decision making at WSU. The WSUSA, along with the WSU Administration, is to ensure efficient and prudent use of student fees and oversees the student fee allocation process, which is to be approved by the WSU Board of Trustees and the Utah State Board of Regents Higher Education. The WSUSA shall provide quality opportunities for academic and extra-curricular experiences as well as promote student involvement in university clubs, organizations, events, and activities. The WSUSA officers shall perform with effectiveness any powers and/or responsibilities bestowed upon them by the administration, the Board of Trustees, or the Board of Regents Higher Education. The WSUSA shall also promote WSU in the community and establish relationships within the community for the betterment of the University and the benefit of the students.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Officer Eligibility

Section 1: The WSUSA Member Definition

Any person who pays full or partial student fees is considered a member of the WSUSA for the entirety of that academic semester, until the commencement of the following semester, excluding the summer semester.

Section 2: The WSUSA Elected Officer Eligibility
Any full-time student of the WSUSA who holds a WSU cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at the time of elections may be elected to any of the elected offices. Full-time status for undergraduate students is defined as enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the current semester. Full-time status for graduate students is defined as enrollment in the required number of credit hours to be classified as a full-time matriculated or full-time degree-seeking student, as duly established by the University, or the completion of 24 credit hours equal to full-time status within the preceding summer and fall semesters and registration of the current spring semester will also deem a student eligible to hold elected office.

The exceptions to this definition of status are the following:

1. Students with disabilities may request accommodations for eligibility requirements, including a request for a reduction of the full-time status credit requirement, which will be reviewed on an individual basis in accordance with university policy PPM 3-34. If a student’s full-time credit requirement is reduced as part of this review, the student may receive registered with the Students with Disabilities department. These students’ full-time status shall be determined by the student and an Advisor from the Students with Disabilities department. Students in this situation will receive compensation in proportion to their status and registered class hours.

2. A transfer student from another accredited institution of higher education or a future student who is not considered a transfer student. Said individual must be matriculated to WSU to start the following semester. Said students are only eligible candidates for the WSUSA offices in the Legislative and Judicial branches.

Section 3: Appointment of WSUSA Offices

Any person may be appointed to any of the WSUSA offices under the following criteria:

1. Said individual must hold a total cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at the time of appointment;

2. He/she is a current member of the WSUSA or a transfer student from another accredited institution of higher education, or he/she are a future student and are not considered a transfer student. Said individual must be matriculated to WSU to start the following semester, at the time of appointment, excluding the summer semester.

ARTICLE III
Organizational Structure

WSUSA will be organized with an Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branch of Government. The powers and responsibilities of each branch shall be outlined in this Constitution and in the WSUSA Bylaws.
Section 1: Representative Duties

All WSUSA officers shall follow the procedures and guidelines set forth in this Constitution and the WSUSA Bylaws (see Article IV). Additionally, all elected and appointed officers shall have a contract that outlines duties, committee responsibilities, and other expectations specific to the role of the office to which they are appointed. Officers shall be required to uphold their contracts; failure to do so may result in probation or removal from office (See Article IX).

Section 2: Representative Authority

The representative authority of the WSUSA shall be vested in the elected and appointed officers who shall represent the WSUSA to the following:

1. The administration, faculty, and staff of Weber State University;

2. National, regional, and local governing bodies;

3. The general public.

Section 3: Branch Membership and Procedure

1. The WSUSA Executive Council:

   a. Chaired by the WSUSA Student Body President;

   b. Consists of the WSUSA Vice Presidents and other appointed, non-voting, officers, as outlined in the Bylaws;

   c. Meetings shall be held frequently, as outlined in the Bylaws, and be open to the public.

   d. The WSUSA Executive Council shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

2. The WSUSA Student Senate:

   a. The Executive Vice President shall be the honorary chair (non-voting except for when a tie must be broken, shares reports between the Executive and Legislative Branches).

   b. Chaired by the Senate Chair (voting, elected from among the Senators at the first formal meeting of the fall semester, shall officiate Formal and Informal Senate Sessions, may temporarily fill in for Executive Vice President if they are unable to fulfill their duties);

   c. Consists of elected Senators from the constituencies established in the Bylaws, the Parliamentarian, and other non-voting appointed positions, as outlined in the Bylaws;
d. Formal and informal meetings shall be held frequently, as outlined in the Bylaws, and shall be open to the public.

e. The Student Senate shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

f. Upon receiving funds from Student Involvement and Leadership, the Student Senate shall establish a budget, which it must ratify by a majority vote during their first formal meeting of the fall semester. The Student Senate shall keep the budget updated and be able to provide it upon request.

3. Satellite Campus Executive Councils

a. Chaired by the WSUSA Student Body Vice President of the Satellite Campus (i.e., the WSUSA Student Body Vice President of Davis Campus);

b. Consists of representatives from within the satellite campus;

c. Meetings shall be held frequently, as outlined in their respective charters, and shall be open to the public.

d. The Satellite Campus Executive Councils shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

e. Each Satellite Campus Executive Council will be established through individual charter agreements, as outlined in the Bylaws, and ratified yearly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate during their first formal session.

i. Failure to update and adhere to the charter agreement will result in a Supreme Court review and may lead to the council’s disbandment.

f. Upon receiving funds from Student Involvement and Leadership, each Satellite Campus Executive Council shall establish a budget that it must ratify by a majority vote during the first formal meeting of the fall semester. The Satellite Campus Executive Council shall keep it updated and be able to provide it upon request.

4. The Supreme Court

a. Chaired by the WSUSA Chief Justice;

b. Consists of two (2) additional Associate Justices;

c. Shall meet frequently, as outlined in the Bylaws;
d. The Supreme Court shall follow parliamentary procedure according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

5. Executive Teams

a. Chaired by respective Vice Presidents (i.e., the WSUSA Vice President of Activities) and named after that title (i.e., the WSUSA Activities Team);

b. Consists of members appointed by the respective Vice President;

c. Meetings shall be held frequently, as outlined in their respective charters.

d. Each Executive Team will be established through individual charter agreements, as outlined in the Bylaws, and ratified yearly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate during their first formal session.

i. Failure to update and adhere to the charter agreement will result in a Supreme Court review.

e. Upon receiving funds from Student Involvement and Leadership, each Executive Team shall establish a budget, which it must ratify by a majority vote during their first formal meeting of the fall semester. The Executive Team shall keep it updated and be able to provide it upon request.

ARTICLE IV

The WSUSA Bylaws

This Constitution shall be accompanied by a set of Bylaws that shall further delineate the policies, procedures, rules, requirements, powers, and responsibilities of the WSUSA and the WSUSA officers. The WSUSA Bylaws shall not contradict this Constitution, and this Constitution shall override the Bylaws whenever discrepancies arise.

ARTICLE V

The WSUSA Executive Branch

Section 1: Executive Powers and Responsibilities

All executive powers herein granted shall be vested in a President of the WSUSA. The President shall administer all executive duties and responsibilities with assistance from the Vice Presidents, as outlined in this Constitution and the WSUSA Bylaws. These officers shall have the specific power to execute the laws and expenditures of the WSUSA in accordance with their respective duties and responsibilities, fill vacancies within their jurisdiction, as outlined in this Constitution and the Bylaws, and represent the membership of the WSUSA in the most effective manner.
The President shall have responsibility over the WSUSA budget; the President shall present the proposed budget for the following fiscal year to the WSUSA Senate for approval and a balanced budget for the current fiscal year for approval. Insofar as allowed by any governing body or document having jurisdiction over the WSUSA, the President shall oversee the allocation of student fees.

The President and the Vice Presidents shall be responsible for appointing all appointed offices in the Executive Branch and shall have the power to remove any of these officers without legislative approval for reasons of malfeasance or nonfeasance of duty, as outlined in Article IX Section 4. The President shall nominate candidates to fill vacancies in the Supreme Court and vacancies in the Vice President offices to be ratified by the Senate. The Legislative Executive Vice President, in coordination with the WSUSA Student Body President, shall nominate candidates to fill vacancies in the Senate to be ratified by the Senate. The Executive Branch shall oversee the WSUSA Elections.

The President shall have the power to veto any legislation passed by the Senate. The President shall have four (4) business days from the passing of any legislation to review the legislation and then sign or veto said legislation. Legislation signed by the President will be enacted immediately. Legislation vetoed by the President shall return to the Senate, as outlined in this Constitution. Any legislation neither signed nor vetoed by the President after four (4) days of being passed shall be enacted as if signed. The President shall give to the Senate information regarding the State of the Association at least once during his/her term of office.

Section 2: Membership and Succession to Office

The Executive Branch shall be composed of the President, appointed Executive Cabinet members, the Vice Presidents, and appointed assistant positions as deemed necessary and/or outlined in the Bylaws.

For vacancies of office see Article VIII Section 3.

In case of the removal of the President from Office, or of death, resignation, or temporary inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Legislative Vice President. Should the Legislative Vice President decline said office for any reason, one of the remaining Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Senate to assume the Office of President, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the WSUSA Bylaws. In either case, said officer shall serve for the duration of the original office term or until the elected President may return to office. In the event of a vacancy in office of the Legislative Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall assume the office of the President of the Senate. In the event of a vacancy in any other Vice Presidential office, a replacement shall be nominated and then selected and subsequently ratified by the Senate, in accordance with the WSUSA Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI
The WSUSA Legislative Branch

Section 1: Legislative Powers and Responsibilities
All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Senate of the WSUSA. The Senate shall have the power to create all legislation that shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution all the powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the WSUSA. The Senate membership shall also have the power to fulfill its duties, as outlined in the Bylaws.

The Senate shall elect a Senate Chair and a Vice-Chair, from among the senators, who shall preside over the Senate, as outlined in the Bylaws. If during the course of the semester there arises a vacancy in the office of the Senate Chair, the Vice-Chair of the Senate shall assume the office of the Chair of the Senate, and the Senate shall elect a new Vice-Chair to fill the vacancy.

The Senate shall conduct its proceedings in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws. The Senate shall keep minutes of its proceedings, which shall include the voting record of the members of Senate on legislation presented and on any question at the desire of one-fifth (1/5) of the Senators present. Nominations for replacements to elected offices and Student Justices, member of the Judicial Branch presented by the President shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The Senate shall have the power to impeach any elected officer or Student Justice, member of the Judicial Branch with a three-fourths (3/4) vote. The Senate shall have two senate meetings from the date of any presidential veto, which shall be formally announced by the President in a senate meeting, to override said veto with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

The proposed WSUSA budget and the end-of-year balanced budget presented by the President shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Senate. Once approved by the Senate, changes to the WSUSA budget may only be made by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Insofar as allowed by any governing body or document having jurisdiction over the WSUSA, the Senate shall have power to approve the student fee allocation by a simple majority vote and shall have the power to create any legislation pertaining to student fees.

Section 2: Membership

Senate representation shall be provided for all members of the WSUSA. The Senate shall be composed of one (1) Senator representing each recognized constituency. Each Senator shall have one (1) vote on all matters. An officially recognized constituency shall be defined in the Bylaws. The Legislative Vice-President shall be the Chair of the Senate. Standing ex-officio members of the Senate, without the power to vote, shall include the WSUSA Student Body President, a WSUSA advisor, and two (2) Weber State University administrators, both of whom are appointed by the WSU administration. Additional, temporary ex-officio members may be designated by a simple majority vote of the Senate membership.

ARTICLE VII
The WSUSA Judicial Branch

Section 1: Judicial Powers and Responsibilities
All judicial powers herein granted shall be vested in a Supreme Court of the WSUSA. The Supreme Court shall oversee an Ombudsman Committee that shall advocate on behalf of the student body. The Supreme Court shall have the power to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws upon petition and to determine the constitutionality of all legislation passed by the Senate upon petition. The Supreme Court shall perform any other judicial functions as specifically assigned by the Executive Officers, the Senate, and/or the Bylaws. Any decision made by the Executive Branch during elections may be appealed to the Supreme Court, whose decision shall be considered final. The Supreme Court shall verify election results. The Ombudsman Committee shall be vested with the temporary power to handle student grievances on behalf of the WSUSA.

Section 2: Membership

The Supreme Court shall consist of three (3) Student Justices; the President shall designate one (1) as the Chief Justice and the other two (2) as Associate Justices. Each Student Justice shall have one (1) vote on all matters. A WSUSA advisor shall be appointed to serve as an ex-officio member of the Supreme Court with the power to vote.

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the WSUSA Student Body President. The Parliamentarian shall serve as counsel to the WSUSA Government regarding this Constitution, the WSUSA Bylaws, University Regulations, and Parliamentary Procedure according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order. They are to ensure that the WSUSA Constitution and Bylaws are understood and obeyed by all members of the WSUSA; to attend Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch meetings, as outlined in the Bylaws; to assist members of the WSUSA in drafting legislation as requested; to serve as an ex-officio member of committees, without authority to vote, as requested, to present information to the Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch, and Ombuds Committees regarding impeachment when Articles of Impeachment are issued; and to provide recommendations to the members of the WSUSA and the WSUSA officers regarding the constitutionality of proposed legislation.

ARTICLE VIII

Election, Oath, Compensation, and Impeachment

Section 1: Election

Only members of WSUSA will be allowed to vote in WSUSA elections. Elections shall be held during the spring semester for the officers for the following year. The specific times, places, and manners of holding elections for all elected officers shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Oath of Office

Any elected or appointed officer shall begin executing the duties of said office only by taking the following oath:

“I, (name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the Office of (title) of the WSUSA and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the WSUSA.”
Section 3: Compensation
The elected and appointed officers shall receive compensation for their services, as outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 4: Impeachment
The elected officers and Student Justices shall only be impeached after a hearing before the Senate. Rules and procedures for an impeachment hearing shall be outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
Elections, Oath, Terms of Office, Compensation, and Holding Office

Section 1: Elections
Only members of the WSUSA will be allowed to vote in the WSUSA elections. Elections shall be held during the spring semester for the officers for the following academic year. The specific times, places, and manners of holding elections for all elected officers shall be prescribed in the WSUSA Bylaws. Revisions to the Election Bylaws must be proposed in the form of a bill. In order for the proposed bill to be ratified, it must be approved by a majority vote of the WSUSA Student Senate.

Section 2: Term and Oath of Office

1. Term of Office
   a. For all of the WSUSA officers, both elected and appointed, the term of office is one full academic year from when they take the oath of office.
   b. For all of the WSUSA officers, both elected and appointed, who were appointed to fill a vacancy, they will serve only the remainder of the term for the office they were appointed to fill.

2. Oath of Office
   a. Any elected or appointed officer shall begin executing the duties of said office only by taking the following oath:

      “I, (name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the Office of (title) of the WSUSA and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the WSUSA.”

   b. Prior to being sworn in, each officer must have signed the contract for their individual position, outlining their office’s specific expectations.
Section 3: Vacancies of Office

Vacancies in a WSUSA office shall be filled in the following manner:

1. Elected Officers:

   a. The WSUSA Student Body President shall appoint a member of the WSUSA to fill the vacancy. Eligibility requirements, as outlined in Article II Section 2 must be met.

   b. Appointments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WSUSA governing bodies in which the vacancy is being filled. The WSUSA Student Senate shall approve appointments to the WSUSA Executive Vice President offices.

   c. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the one (1) year term.

   d. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the WSUSA Student Body President, the Executive Council will call a special election in which the WSUSA will elect a new WSUSA Student Body President. The process for special elections shall as outlined in the Bylaws.

2. Appointed Positions:

   a. All vacancies shall be filled as determined by the respective WSUSA officer and ratified by a majority vote of the appropriate WSUSA governing body, as determined by the WSUSA Student Body President, the Parliamentarian, and the Executive Vice President, in which the vacancy is being filled.

   b. Vacancies in Satellite Campus Executive Councils shall be appointed by the WSUSA Student Body Vice President of the respective campus and approved by their Executive Council’s majority vote.

Section 4: Compensation

The elected and appointed officers shall receive compensation for their services, as outlined in the WSUSA Bylaws and their contracts, for their respective office. Elected and appointed officers who accrue more than the allowed absences may be required to return a prorated amount of their compensation, as outlined in the contract for their respective office. Elected and appointed officers must serve the entire term to be eligible for their full compensation. If elected officers resign or are removed from office, they may be required to return a prorated amount of their compensation, as outlined in the contract for their respective office.

Section 5: Holding Office
No student shall hold more than one (1) office within the WSUSA. However, any member of the WSUSA may run for the WSUSA Student Body Presidential office, if vacant, or be appointed to an alternate office while still in office. If elected or appointed to two (2) offices, they must resign from one office within five (5) days. If a college Senator changes colleges while in office, that Senator must resign.

**ARTICLE IX**

Probation and Removal from Office

Elected and Appointed officers will be placed on probation if they fail to meet eligibility requirements as set forth in Article II Section 2. Further, officers holding elected offices shall be subject to removal through either the process of recall or impeachment. The Parliamentarian and all Justices of the Judicial Branch shall be subject to removal through the process of impeachment. All other officers holding appointed positions shall be subject to removal through the process of excusal. Grievance Statements and hearings may only address individual officers rather than a group.

In circumstances where an alleged offense is privileged to confidentiality, such as information that is protected by FERPA or alleged violations of the Student Code being handled through the Student Code processes, or otherwise needs to be handled quickly and discreetly, the Vice President of Student Affairs, in coordination with the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, and the officer’s advisor, where applicable, shall have executive power to place an officer on probation or otherwise remove the student from office. With prudence, they may partially or fully suspend the authorities and/or responsibilities of an officer during the time of a hearing within the WSUSA or by these authorities if the alleged offense impairs the officer’s ability to perform their duties or impairs the ability of other officers to perform their duties.

**Section 1: Terms of Probation**

The terms of probation for elected and appointed offices are as follows:

1. A one (1) semester probation will be extended to officers who do not meet eligibility requirements, as outlined in Article II Section 3, as an opportunity for the officer to regain good standing.

2. Any WSUSA officer who fails to regain good standing at the completion of the probationary period will be immediately removed from their office or appointed position.

3. Appeals to the eligibility criteria may be submitted to the Supreme Court. The decision on these appeals are final and will stand for the semester in which the decision was made. Additional appeals may be made in subsequent semesters.

4. The WSUSA Student Senate will have the authority to place an officer on probation, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, if an officer is deemed to have acted inappropriately.
Officers who do not meet eligibility requirements at the time of elections may not be eligible to run for elections for the next year if they are on probation. Additionally, officers on probation may not be entitled to compensation. Eligibility for compensation and participation in elections will be determined by the Director of Student Leadership and Involvement and other relevant campus officials.

Section 2: Cause for Recall, Impeachment, or Excusal

1. Any contracted member of the WSUSA may be subject to recall, impeachment, or excusal if there is reasonable cause, including but not limited to the following:
   a. Failure to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of the position;
   b. Abuse and/or misuse of the privileges and/or authority of the position;
   c. Ethically questionable conduct.

2. All rights, privileges, and powers afforded to the accused individual prior to submitting the Grievance Statement shall remain in effect until after the hearing. In consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Supreme Court may suspend, either partially or in full, all rights and privileges during the hearing in cases deemed appropriate.

Section 2: Recall

Officers holding elected positions within the Student Senate may be subject to recall by their constituency upon the following:

1. Any member of the WSUSA who believes there to be sufficient cause for recall shall submit a written, clear, and concise Grievance Statement indicating the specific reasons and/or causes for recall.

2. The Grievance Statement should include the signatures of 25 or more of an officer’s registered constituents on the date that the petition is submitted. The Grievance Statement shall then be submitted to the Supreme Court for review.

3. Once the Supreme Court has received a Grievance Statement, it will review the Grievance Statement and put forth formal charges.

4. The officer in question shall receive a copy of the Grievance Statement and an account of the charges set forth by the Supreme Court.

5. The Supreme Court shall then organize and oversee an Ombuds Committee to hear and rule on the charges.
6. The officer in question will then be given a hearing before the Ombuds Committee with a fair opportunity to present and plead their case, or to have someone present and plead the case on the officer’s behalf, and have a ruling handed down by the Ombuds Committee.

7. If a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Ombuds Committee membership favoring recall is returned, all rights, privileges, and powers previously afforded the accused shall be immediately rescinded, and the position will be considered vacant (for Ombuds Committee Hearings see the WSUSA Bylaws; for a vacancy of office procedures, see Article VIII, Section 3).

Section 3: Impeachment

Officers holding elected positions and members of the Legislative Branch may be subject to impeachment given the following:

1. Any officer of the WSUSA who believes there to be sufficient cause for impeachment shall submit a written, clear, and concise Grievance Statement indicating the specific reasons and/or causes for impeachment and submit it to the appropriate governing body.

   a. The Supreme Court shall be the governing body that oversees all cases for officers in the Executive and Legislative Branches.

   b. The Student Senate shall be the governing body that oversees all cases for officers of the Judicial Branch.

2. Once a Grievance Statement has been received by the appropriate governing body, that body shall review the Grievance Statement and issue official Articles of Impeachment.

3. The officer in question shall receive a copy of the Grievance Statement and an account of the Articles of Impeachment set forth by the appropriate governing body.

4. The governing body shall then organize and oversee an Ombuds Committee to hear and rule on the charges.

5. The officer in question will then be given a hearing before the Ombuds Committee with a fair opportunity to present and plead their case, or to have someone present and plead the case on the officer’s behalf, and have a ruling handed down by the Ombuds Committee.

6. The WSUSA Student Body President will present the charges put forth by the WSUSA governing body to the Ombuds Committee and give a recommendation regarding the outcome of the hearing.

   a. In the event that the WSUSA Student Body President is being charged with impeachable offenses, it will be the responsibility Executive Vice President to present the charges put forth by the WSUSA governing body to the Ombuds Committee and give recommendations regarding the hearing’s outcome.
7. If a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Ombuds Committee membership favoring impeachment is returned, all rights, privileges, and powers previously afforded the accused shall be immediately rescinded, and the position will be considered vacant (for Ombuds Committee Hearings see the WSUSA Bylaws; for a vacancy of office procedures, see Article VIII, Section 3).

Section 4: Excusal

Officers holding appointed positions may be excused from office upon the following:

1. An officer of the WSUSA who presides over the appointed officer in question shall submit a Grievance Statement to the Appropriate Governing Officer.
   a. The WSUSA Student Body President shall be the governing officer who shall receive grievance statements for all officers they did not themselves appoint.
   b. The Executive Vice President shall be the governing officer who shall receive all grievance statements for officers appointed by the WSUSA Student Body President, except for members of the Judicial branch who may only be removed from office through the process of impeachment.

2. The appropriate governing officer must then decide whether to endorse the Grievance Statement and submit it to the Supreme Court, who will issue formal charges.

3. The officer in question shall receive a copy of the endorsed Grievance Statement and an account of the charges set forth by the Supreme Court.

4. The officer in question will then be given a hearing before the Supreme Court with a fair opportunity to present and plead their case, or to have someone present and plead the case on the students’ behalf, and have a ruling handed down by the Supreme Court.

Section 5: Appealing the Decision of an Ombuds Committee or the Supreme Court

Any WSUSA member who has been recalled, impeached, or excused from office may appeal the decision of the Ombuds Committee or Supreme Court by completing the following steps:

1. They shall submit a written Statement of Appeal to the appropriate WSUSA governing body. This Statement of Appeal must indicate the specific reasons and/or causes for the appellate process to be initiated.
   a. For appeals regarding decisions made by an Ombuds Committee overseen by the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court will hear and rule on the appeal.
b. For appeals regarding decisions made by an Ombuds Committee overseen by the Student Senate, the Student Senate will hear and rule on the appeal.

c. For appeals regarding the Supreme Court’s decisions, the Student Senate will hear and rule on the appeal.

2. The appropriate WSUSA governing body shall review the Statement of Appeal. A second hearing may only be granted through a majority vote in favor of the appeal. For the original decision to be overturned, there must be a two-thirds (2/3) vote returned in favor of the appeal.

   a. The specific process of the second hearing shall be outlined in the WSUSA Bylaws.

3. If the second hearing rules in favor of the appeal, the individual removed from office shall be immediately reinstated to their former positions with all rights, privileges, and powers formerly afforded them.

4. The findings of the second hearing shall be considered final with no further appeals made available.

Section 6: Ombuds Committees

Ombuds Committees shall be established and overseen by either the Supreme Court or the Student Senate to hear and rule on the recall or impeachment of a WSUSA officer. The Ombuds committee must consist of nine (9) officers, with representation from the two (2) branches of the WSUSA who are not overseeing the Ombuds Committee, as well as at least one (1) ex-officio member, without voting rights, appointed from among the WSUSA advisors. Following their ruling on the charges brought forth, the committee will be disbanded, and its judicial powers revoked. Further information regarding the organization of Ombuds Committees and the trial process will be found in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate membership or by a petition signed by five (5) percent of the WSUSA membership. In either case, the proposal shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this Constitution when ratified.

ARTICLE XI
Guarantee of Rights and Privileges and Continuity Clause

Section 1: Guarantee of Rights and Privileges

All rights and privileges not specifically outlined or enumerated by this Constitution and the
Bylaws shall be reserved to the individual members of the WSUSA. No officers, while serving as the representatives and individuals authorized to act for and on behalf of the WSUSA, shall perform any act which would infringe upon, detract from, or deny the rights and privileges of any individual member of the WSUSA guaranteed by this Constitution and the Bylaws in any manner not prescribed herein. This Constitution and the Bylaws are subordinate to Utah Board of Higher Education Policy, local, state, and federal law.

Section 2: Continuity Clause

Any agreements, contracts, or other binding actions entered into before the adoption of this Constitution and the Bylaws shall be as valid against the WSUSA under this Constitution as under the former governing documents, except where specifically altered by the changes and differences of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII

Ratification

This Constitution, and any amendments to it, shall be valid upon ratification by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Senate membership and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes received from the WSUSA membership at large, following approval of the President of Weber State University, as part of the President’s delegation of authority under Section V: Student Organization and Activities of PPM 6-22, Student Code.

ARTICLE XIII

Definitions

Officers: The WSUSA Student Body President, Vice Presidents, and Senators are considered elected officers of the WSUSA. The members of the Judicial Branch, cabinet members, and appointed positions are considered appointed officers of the WSUSA.