



# Constitution

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# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

## Preamble

It is the established purpose of the Student Government Association of the University of Arkansas at Monticello to promote the interests and opinions of the students on matters that affect them. To establish and promote projects that are beneficial to the student body, and to be the official voice of the students on matters of policy and its implementation. In order to better fulfill these purposes, to be more effective in our duties, and to be more accountable for our performance, WE, THE STUDENTS of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, do hereby establish this constitution of the Student Government Association.

## Article I. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### SECTION 1. TITLE

This organization shall be known as the Student Government Association of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

### SECTION 2. STRUCTURE

(a) The Student Government Association structure shall consist of: (1) an Executive Branch (2) the Senate members; (3) the Student Activities Board; all of which whose respective powers, constraints, duties, and leadership shall be laid out in this Constitution.

(b) The Executive branch, the Senate members, and the Student Activities Board shall collectively be known as the Student Government Association.

### SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Student Government Association shall consist of all University of Arkansas at Monticello Students, as currently enrolled with the Office of the Registrar. The Student Government Association will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, physical handicap, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation.

### SECTION 4. OATH OF OFFICE

Before the execution of their respective office, all Student Government Association Officers and Senators must take the following Oath or Affirmation of Office delivered by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of Arkansas at Monticello:

“I do hereby solemnly swear that I will uphold and support the Constitution and the interests of the Student Government Association of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. To serve as the official voice of the student body and to promote the interests and opinions of the students I represent. I will, to the best of my ability, perform the duties of my office, and that I will promote the worth and value of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.”

## SECTION 5. DUTIES

The duties of the Student Government Association shall be:

- i.* To serve as the governing body of the student body of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
- ii.* To actively establish and execute programs and projects that are beneficial to the students
- iii.* To serve as the official channel of communication with the faculty and administration, and with all levels of government with respect to the needs, wishes and opinions of the student body.
- iv.* To ensure fair and active representation in the various decision making functions of our campus by appointing qualified students to faculty-student and administrative committees, and to the UAM Assembly committees, subject to administrative approval.
- v.* To establish committees, outside of the appointments in Article II, sections, to address issues around campus that affect the entire student body.
- vi.* To promote and improve relations between the community of Monticello, Arkansas and the students of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
- vii.* To exclusively supervise, conduct, and publicize all campus wide student elections.

## Article II. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### SECTION 1.

(a) The Executive Branch of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall consist of the Cabinet. The Cabinet’s members shall be five officers elected by the student body at-large in spring elections, as described in this Constitution; namely the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Students Activities Board of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association.

(b) The primary purpose of the Cabinet is to aid and assist the Student Government Association Senate in the establishment of policies and programs and to assist in the execution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association functions.

(c) The Cabinet must hold a meeting within ten days of the first day of classes (excluding Saturday & Sunday) and at least one meeting per month thereafter for the remainder of the semester, in which all students are allowed to attend. The Cabinet shall meet at the call of the President.

(d) All executive officers, before he/she enters on the execution of respective office, he/she must be certified by the Election Commission under the rules of this Constitution and must take the Oath of Office, as described in this Constitution.

## SECTION 2. THE PRESIDENT

a) The President of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall hold his/her office for one year term, for the same term period as all other executive officers; and be elected with the Vice-President as one ticket.

(b) To be eligible for the Office of President a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of thirty-six semester hours prior to election to office, must attend at least four Student Government Association meetings and officially aiding in two events each academic year for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 3.00.

(c) The President shall have power:

*i.* To veto any legislation of the Senate by returning it to the Senate with a statement of the President's objectives. If any legislation shall not be returned by the President within ten class days (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) after it shall have been presented to him/her, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he/she had signed it, unless the Senate by their adjournment, for the end of the semester, prevent its return, in which case it shall not be law.

*ii.* To appoint student members to UAM Assembly Committees in compliance to Assembly By-Laws; with the majority approval of the Cabinet.

*iii.* To appoint vacancies in the Senate, with the consent of the majority of the Senate.

*iv.* To appoint student members to the University Judicial Board in compliance to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Handbook, with the majority approval of the Cabinet.

*v.* To appoint vacancies in the Secretary and Treasurer positions of the Cabinet, with the consent of the majority of the Senate.

*vi.* To appoint three Senate members to the Student Activities Board, with the consent of the majority of the Senate.

(d) The duties of the President shall be:

*i.* To carry out the legislative intent of the Senate.

*ii.* To be the official Student Government Association representative at all university and other official functions, and to maintain relations with other student governments.

*iii.* To work with the Treasurer concerning the Student Government Association finances.

*iv.* To ensure that the Student Government Association Constitution is enforced, upheld, and strictly followed.

*v.* To perform all other duties normally executed by the President of any organization in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

*vi.* To recommend and initiate legislation before the Senate. The president does not have an official vote on legislative amendments.

*vii.* To complete any other duties assigned by the Director of Student Programs and Activities.

### SECTION 3. THE VICE-PRESIDENT

(a) The Vice-President of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall hold his/her office for one year term, and be for the same term period as all other executive officers; and be elected with the President as one ticket.

(b) To be eligible for the Office of Vice-President a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of thirty-six semester hours prior to election to office, must attend at least four Student Government Association meetings and officially aiding in two events each academic year for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 3.00.

(c) The Vice-President shall have power:

*i.* To fill the office of the President in the President's absence.

*ii.* To have one vote in the Senate, only when a tie has occurred.

(d) The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

*i.* To replace the President in the event that the President is unable to complete his/her term.

*ii.* To be responsible for the publicizing of all Student Government Association events through the establishment of a publicity committee.

iii. To perform other duties as assigned by the President.

#### SECTION 4. THE SECRETARY

(a) The Secretary of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall hold his/her office for one year term, and be for the same term period as all other executive officers.

(b) To be eligible for the Office of Secretary a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of thirty-six semester hours prior to election to office must attend at least four Student Government Association meetings and officially aiding in two events each academic year for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must have, and maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 2.75.

(c) The duties of the Secretary shall be:

*i.* To maintain accurate and complete records for the Student Government Association meetings, including attendance records.

*ii.* To prepare and publish the minutes and agenda, after approval by the Student Government Association executive meeting, and to file a copy in the Student Government office.

*iii.* To assist the Director of Student Programs and Activities to ensure all Student Organizations are in compliance with updated rosters and forms. All paperwork for each organization must be on file with the Student Programs and Activities Office.

*iv.* To operate the Student Government office as directed by the President.

*v.* To perform other duties assigned by the President.

#### SECTION 5. THE TREASURER

(a) The Treasurer of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall hold his/her office for one year term, and be for the same term period as all other executive officers.

(b) To be eligible for the Office of Treasurer a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of thirty-six semester hours prior to election to office must attend at least four Student Government Association meetings and officially aiding in two events each academic year for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office a cumulative grade point average of a 2.75.

(c) The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

*i.* To work with the President in handling and recording financial expenditures, and reporting to the Student Senate on the financial status of the Student Government Association at least once a month.

*ii.* To work with the Student Activities Board in handling and recording financial expenditures, and reporting to the Student Senate on the Financial status of the Student Activities Board; or as deemed necessary by the Student Activities Board Chairperson.

*iii.* To prepare a budget in which to be approved by the Cabinet and the Senate for each semester.

*iv.* To sign all budgetary documents.

*v.* To perform other duties assigned by the President.

## SECTION 6. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The President may nominate and with the approval of the Cabinet and the Senate by a majority of the vote of both bodies respectfully, may appoint, other administrative officers for the current Administration, to assist in the administration of Student Government Association programs and in the operation of the Student Government office. The nomination of any person to such a position must be accompanied by a job description.

## SECTION 7. VOTING

The Cabinet shall have only five regular members, namely the executive officers, named in Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution, each member receiving one vote.

## Article III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

### SECTION 1. THE SENATE

(a) The Legislative Branch of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall consist of the Senate.

(b) The Senate shall be composed of two Senators elected from each department (a Position I and a Position II) within in University; with Position I being elected in the Fall election, as described in this Constitution, and Position II, being elected in the Spring election, as described in this Constitution. There shall be also five Senators elected by the student body at-large (a Position I, II, III, IV, V); with Position I and II being elected in the Fall election, as described in this Constitution, and Position II, IV, V being elected in the Spring election, as

described in this Constitution. A Senate term shall consist of a one-year period following Senator's respective election to office.

(c) The primary purpose of the Senate is to initiate legislation in the Student Government Association, aid and assist the Cabinet and Student Activities Board in the establishment of policies and programs and to act as the voice of the student in the Student Government Association.

(d) The Senate must hold a meeting within ten class days of the first day of classes and at least one meeting per month thereafter for the remainder of the semester, in which all students are allowed to attend. Regular meetings must be scheduled at the first meeting of a semester, and notification must be made to all students before the next regular meeting.

(e) The Senate at its first meeting must elect, from its members, a President Pro-Tempore of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate, a Secretary of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate, a Clerk of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate, and a Parliamentarian of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate.

(f) All Senators, before he/she enters on the execution of respective Office, he/she must be certified by the Election Commission under the rules of this Constitution and must take the Oath, or Affirmation, of Office, as described in this Constitution.

(g) The Senate may adopt a set of by-laws in which shall deal exclusively with the functions and structure of the Senate as not expressly stated in this Constitution, and not in contradiction to this Constitution.

## SECTION 2. SENATOR QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for a position as a Senator a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, a full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of twenty-four semester hours prior to election to office, must attend at least five Student Government Association meetings (including but not limited to: Executive Board meetings, Student Activities Board meetings, Senate meetings, etc.) per semester for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must have, and maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 2.50.

## SECTION 3. VACANCIES

In the event that a Senator is unable to complete his/her term, the President of the Student Government Association shall appoint a replacement with majority approval of the Senate. The President's Senate appointees must qualify to be a Senator, as described in this Constitution.

## SECTION 4. THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

(a) The President Pro-Tempore of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate shall hold his/her office for one academic year.

(b) The President Pro-Tempore shall have power

*i.* To preside over the Senate

*ii.* To appoint committee members and chairs in the Senate

*iii.* To fill the office of the Vice-President in the Vice President's absence

(c) The duties of the President Pro-Tempore shall be:

*i.* To set the legislative agenda

*ii.* To represent the Senate at functions and events

*iii.* To work with the Student Activities Board and the Cabinet in financial and legislative matters

## SECTION 5. OTHER OFFICERS

The Senate may create other offices within the Senate. The powers and duties of all other offices not included in the Constitution must be included in the Senate by-laws but may not contradict this Constitution.

## SECTION 6. LEGISLATION

(a) The Senate shall have the power to pass, with majority vote of the Senate and approval of the President: Enactments, Resolutions, and Petitions

*i.* Enactments shall deal with legislative proposals that do not need to be sanctioned by any other authority other than the Student Government Association, (which include but are not limited to: budgets, creation programs, initiations of actions, etc.).

*ii.* Resolutions shall deal with any subject that the Student Government wishes to address and make public as its opinion

*iii.* Petitions shall deal with matters upon which the Student Government Association wishes to express its views and that require action or support of a higher authority (i.e., Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, Provost, Chancellor, UAM Assembly, etc.)

(b) All legislation for raising or spending of Student Government Association funds shall originate in the Senate

(c) Every Bill which shall have passed in the Senate, shall before it becomes Law, be presented to the President of the Student Government Association. If the President approves of the legislation he/she shall sign it, but if not, the President may veto the legislation.

(d) To veto any legislation of the Senate, the President may, return it to the Senate with a statement of the Presidents objectives. If any legislation shall not be returned by the President within ten class days after it shall have been presented to him/her, the same shall be a Law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Senate by their adjournment, for the end of the semester, prevent it's return in which case it shall not be a law.

(e) The Senate shall have power to override a President's veto, with two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Senate.

(f) In the event of a tie vote on legislation in the Senate, the Vice-President shall be given one vote, only in that occurrence.

## SECTION 7. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SENATE

(a) The Senate shall have power:

*i.* To approve all budgetary matters of the Student Government Association

*ii.* To appoint one third of the Student Activities Board.

*iii.* To approve all Presidential appointments to the Senate and the Cabinet

*iv.* To initiate legislation in the Student Government Association

## Article IV. JUDICIAL BRANCH

### SECTION 1. SUPREME COURT

(a) The Judicial Branch of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association shall consist of the Supreme Court.

(b) The Supreme Court shall consist of the two students members and one faculty member appointed from each of the other branches of the Student Government Association (i.e., the Cabinet, the Senate, and the Student Activities Board), respectively.

(c) The primary purpose of the Supreme Court is to ensure that officers, Senators, and Student Activities Board members are committed to their task, and to see that their duties are carried out to the best of their abilities.

(d) The Supreme Court must hold a meeting within ten class days of the first day of classes (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) and at least one meeting per month thereafter for the remainder of the semester, in which all students are allowed to attend. The

Supreme Court shall meet at the call of the Chief Justice.

## SECTION 2. CHIEF JUSTICE

(a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall hold his/her office for one year term, be elected by the members of the Supreme Court in the Spring before the first day in May.

(b) The Chief Justice duties shall be:

*i.* To file and organize hearings.

*ii.* To inform other branches of the Student Government Association of judgment.

*iii.* To insure the procedure of the Supreme Court is conducted in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner.

## SECTION 3. CLAIM AGAINST OFFICIALS

(a) Any Student Government Association official who shall be accused of conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles or of misconduct or of willfully violating the Student Government Association Constitution, the By-laws of the respective branch, or UAM Student Handbook, or any other rules of the University may have charges made against them through the Supreme Court procedure laid out in this constitution.

(b) If a complaint is made against a Student Government Association official, it must be addressed to the Supreme Court, specifying the particular act complained of together with all the documentary evidence bearing on the case, and signed. If a student is filing a complaint against an Student Government Association official, the complaint must be signed by at least five Student Government Association officials and ten students; if a Student Government Association official is filing against another official the complaint must be signed by at least ten students; each signature must be accompanied by a paragraph statement of support and a swearing to testify in a public hearing. Once the complaint has been filed with the Chief Justice the case must be signed by three justices (two being students and one being faculty; and each justices not being appointed from the same branch). After the case being signed by three justices of appropriate qualifications, the Chief Justice shall cause copies of the complaint to be served on the member complained of; and it shall be the duty of said member, within ten days (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) of the receipt of the same, to return them to the Supreme Court with his/her written answer to the complaint, and all documents bearing on the case in his/her possession, with the names of witnesses whom he/she desires shall be summoned. The Chief Justice shall, as soon as expedient, after receipt of said answer, or if no answer is received after the expiration of ten days (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) from the service of the copies of complaint, notify both parties and the witnesses named of the time and place at which the signed Justices will hold a hearing to act on said case. If, after the examination, signed Justices deem the charges substantiated, they shall so report their judgment to the member complained of's respective body and deliver to the Director of Student Programs and Activities all documents relating thereto. The Director of Student Programs and Activities will carry out all action of herein nature.

## SECTION 4. JUDGMENT

Judgment in all cases shall not extend further than removal or suspension from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the Student Government Association: but the official convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to policy of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

## SECTION 5. DEMERITS

(a) To insure proper conduct and to encourage all Student Government Association officials to strive for excellence in every aspect of his/her office, a demerit system will be established.

(b) Demerits will be collected by an official designated by each respective branch of the Student Government Association (i.e., the Cabinet, the Senate, and the Student Activities Board). After an official collects three demerits the branch will report to the Supreme Court and file a complaint against that official without having to collect signatures. At the end of each term an official's demerits will be forgiven.

(c) Demerits shall be given based on the following guidelines:

*i.* One demerit for tardiness (i.e. attending a meeting but not being present at the "Call of Roll").

*ii.* One demerit for missing a executive board meeting.

*iii.* One demerit for disrespect to another Student Government Association official or University official.

*iv.* One demerit for leaving a meeting early.

*v.* One demerit for failing to assist or attend a Student Government Association sponsored event(s).

*vi.* One demerit for an unexcused absence.

*vii.* One demerit for not adhering to the dress code. (correct shirt and name tag)

Upon receiving a demerit, either the President or the Director of Student Programs and Activities will inform the officer on his/her wrongful act and the demerit received. Once the officer receives three demerits he/she will be removed from office.

(d) All Student Government Association officials shall have the right to appeal demerits awarded, in a complaint to the Director of Student Programs and Activities against the official in charge of designating demerits for his/her respective body.

(e) The Student Government Association shall define disrespect as: “the lack of holding someone or something in high or special regard; or not recognizing a person’s or objects quality of self-worth.” (Merriam-Webster: accessed 02/25/09)

## SECTION 6. APPEALS

All Student Government Association officials that are suspended or expelled from their respective body for any reason may appeal the decision of the Supreme Court by filing an appeal with the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs via Director of Student Programs and Activities.

## Article V. STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

### SECTION 1. THE BOARD

(a) The Student Activities Board shall consist of the Chairperson of the Student Activities Board, seven student members elected by the student body at-large, three President appointed Senators, and the Director of Student Programs and Activities as an ex-officio member.

(b) The primary purpose of the Student Activities Board is to create, coordinate, and/or produce an environment in which quality, variety, and well-coordinated activities may be presented for student involvement at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, through obtaining revenues from or for student activities.

(c) The Student Activities Board must hold a meeting within ten class days of the first day of classes and at least one meeting per week thereafter for the remainder of the semester, in which all students are allowed to attend. The Student Activities Board shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.

(d) All Student Activities Board members, before he/she enters on the execution of respective Office, he/she must be certified by the Election Commission under the rules of this Constitution and must take the Oath, or Affirmation, of Office, as described in this Constitution.

(e) The Student Activities Board may adopt a set of By-laws in which shall deal exclusively with the functions and structure of the Student Activities Board as not expressly stated in this Constitution, and not in contradiction to this Constitution.

### SECTION 2. THE CHAIRPERSON

(a) The Chairperson of the Student Activities Board shall hold his/her office for one year term, be elected by the student body at-large in the Spring election, as described in this Constitution.

(b) To be eligible for the Office of Chairperson a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, a full time student status as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of thirty-six semester hours prior to election to office, must attend at least four Student Government Association meetings and officially aiding in two events each academic year for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must have, and maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 2.75.

(d) The Chairperson shall have power:

*i.* To preside over the Student Activities Board

*ii.* To have one vote in the Cabinet, only when a tie has occurred.

(e) The duties of the Chairperson shall be:

*i.* To work with the Director of Student Programs and Activities and Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs on matters of planning and scheduling activities on campus.

*ii.* To insure quality, variety, and well-coordinated activities are presented for student involvement on campus.

### SECTION 3. STUDENT MEMBERS

To be eligible for a position as a student member of the Student Activities Board, a student must be enrolled as, and maintain, a full time student status, as set by the Office of the Registrar, must have completed a minimum of twenty-four semester hours prior to election to office, must attend at least five Student Government Association meetings (including but not limited to: Executive Board meetings, Student Activities Board meetings, Senate meetings, etc.) per semester for two semesters concurring, prior to election to office, and must have, and maintain while serving, a cumulative grade point average of a 2.50.

### SECTION 4. ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Each active organization, as registered with the Office of Student Programs and Activities, on campus may send an official Student Government Association Representatives to be an ex-officio member of the Student Activities Board.

(b) Student Government Association Representatives, as ex-officio members, shall be given complete right to serve on Student Activities Board committees and to express their opinion on matters of the Student Activities Board.

### SECTION 5. VACANCIES

In the event there is a vacancy on the Student Activities Board, the remaining members of the Student Activities Board shall take nominations to fulfill the position from one of the Student Government Association Representatives. The Student Government Association Representative elected by the majority vote of the Student Activities Board, must be qualified to be a member of

the Student Activities Board, as described in this Constitution. Once elected as a member of the Student Activities Board, the student Government Association Representative shall be given all privileges of a Student Activities Board member; and the organization in which the Student Government Association Representative represented must elect a new representative to the Student Government Association.

## SECTION 6. COMMITTEES

(a) The Student Activities Board shall have power to create and maintain committees to assist in the creation, coordination, and/or production of student programs and the functions of the Board.

(b) The Student Activities Board shall have, but not limited to, four standing committees, namely:

*i.* A Standing Committee on Student Relations, to work with the Voice, UAM Media Services, and other media entities to promote all Student Activities Board programs and activities; and to work with other student organizations in the creation, coordination, and/or production student programs and activities. The Standing Committee on Student Relations shall have two Sub-committees: a Standing Sub-committee on Advertising and a Standing Sub-committee on Public Relations.

*ii.* A Standing Committee on Athletic Programs, to assist in the creation, coordination, and/or production of programs and activities that increase student involvement and awareness in UAM Athletics and Intramurals Sports.

*iii.* A Standing Committee on Research, to conduct research and information for the creation, coordination, and/or production of student programs and activities.

*iv.* A Standing Committee on Special Events, to assist in the creation, coordination, and/or production of film showings, travel programs, Homecoming, Parents' Day, Weevil Welcome Day, Crawfish Boil, etc., and any other activities that do not fall within another area of responsibility.

## Article VI. ELECTIONS

### SECTION 1. ELECTION COMMISSION

(a) All Student Government Association elections shall be managed by the Election Commission.

(b) The Election Commission shall consist of five members chosen by the Senate and who are not running for any elected office or two University professional staff members appointed by the, Director of Student Programs and Activities, in the event no student commission is created by the second meeting in the spring semester.

(c) The duties of the Election Commission shall be:

- i.* To establish the times and places of all elections according to the guidelines of the Constitution.
- ii.* To count the votes of the election.
- iii.* To enforce all election rules and guidelines.
- iv.* To hear and decide upon any and all protests and possible violations.
- vi.* To determine the consequences for election rules violations.
- vii.* To receive financial disclosures from all candidates, and to verify their expenditures.
- viii.* To certify election results after all protests and violations have been resolved.
- ix.* To report to the Student Government Association on any and all election matters.

## SECTION 2. FILING FOR OFFICE

(a) In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate filing for executive office must obtain the signature of fifty students on a form provided by the Election Commission. All candidates must sign an agreement recognizing that the Election Commission is the authority over Student Government Association elections, and the Commission's decisions can be appealed to the Senate. In addition, a candidate filing for office must sign an agreement acknowledging he/she has read Article VI of this Constitution concerning the rules and regulations involved in the election process.

(b) Candidates must also agree to disclose their campaign expenditures, and make them available for verification by the Commission.

(c) The filing period will close one week prior to the beginning of elections. An acknowledgement of having read Article VI of this Constitution must be turned in the Election Commission by candidates prior to the end of the filing period.

(d) If any office is not filled, the newly elected President will then fill the vacancy in accordance with this Constitution.

## SECTION 3. VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION

(a) The candidate that receives the plurality of the ballots cast shall be elected to that office.

(b) Ballots will be invalid if votes are cast for more than one candidate for each of the offices.

(c) Write-in votes are permitted for any at-large office. However, write-in votes must conform to the election rules set down by the Election Commission and this Constitution and write-in candidates must fulfill all eligibility requirements noted elsewhere in this Constitution in order to assume office.

#### SECTION 4. ESTABLISHED ELECTION RULES

(a) The election will take place for one week for students to cast their ballots. For each of the voting days the poll shall be at a different location.

(b) All students voting must present a valid UAM ID card.

(c) Each candidate shall fill out a campaign expenditure form, and sign a release authorizing the election commission to verify all expenditures and amounts.

(d) Any candidate found campaigning in an academic class, after receiving a warning, will be removed from the ballot and will be ineligible for any office in that election.

*i.* Campaigning shall be defined as any method of actively soliciting votes such as making speeches, and distributing literature, fliers, cards, posters, electronic communication and social networking mediums, or other campaign paraphernalia.

(e) No campaigning is allowed within a fifty foot vicinity of the polls during the election. Poll workers may not wear or display any campaign paraphernalia or actively campaign for candidates while working at the polls. Voters will be asked to remove campaign paraphernalia while voting.

(f) Campaigning will begin no earlier than ten days (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) prior to the election. The specific date will be declared by the Election Commission.

(g) Candidates may not place any literature (fliers, cards, posters, etc.) inside classrooms, on automobiles (except for their own), utility poles, trees, entrance doors to University facilities, or any other area deemed inappropriate by the Director of Student Programs and Activities or the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

(h) In the event of a tie in an election race the two candidates in which received the highest and same number of votes, shall meet in the Office of Student Programs and Activities with the Director of Student Programs and Activities. In the event of a tie in an election, the tie will be broken by a runoff between the two remaining candidates.

(i) Elections must be held at least ten class days (excluding Saturdays & Sundays) before the last day of class per semester.

## SECTION 5. COMPLAINTS

(a) All complaints, disputes, and official protests will be handled by the Director of Student Programs and Activities. All contests of the election must be received in writing prior to the election results being certified by the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

(b) Should an election commission be established through the Student Senate they must follow the following guidelines: After the filing of a complaint or discovery of a violation, the Commission shall schedule a hearing according to the Senate Bylaws. All interested parties, and all involved parties, will be notified of the time and place for the hearing. Decisions of the commission will be made by a majority vote. There must be at least three members of the commission present and voting for any decision to be valid. The following sanctions are available to the commission:

*i.* Formal reprimand, for violations of non-serious nature.

*ii.* Invalidation of the election and the ordering of a new election for major violations and for problems pertaining to the administration of the election that potentially could alter the outcome.

*iii.* Removal of the candidate from the ballot or elected position, for major violations, which have occurred during the election process.

*iv.* Any combination of the above sanctions that the election commission may desire to impose.

(c) The decision of the election commission will be upheld or overturned by majority vote in the Senate of the members present and voting.

## Article VII. STUDENT PETITIONS AND REFERENDUMS

### SECTION 1. PETITIONS

(a) Students of the University of Arkansas at Monticello shall have full right to petition the Student Government Association, UAM Assembly, or any other body, only via a certified petition. A petition may be certified with majority signatures of the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall not certify any petition that does not include: a specific stated situation or problem to be brought to the attention of the body petitioning; and a logical recommendation(s) for the body petitioning to address. A petition of the Senate shall not need certification by the Election Commission.

### SECTION 2. REFERENDUMS

(a) Students of the University of Arkansas at Monticello shall have full right to amend this constitution and pass other Student Government Association legislation via a referendum.

(b) To file a referendum, students must submit the proposed legislation to the Election Commission and file for a certified petition, signed by one-third of the student body if a proposed amendment, to call for referendum. The student must then obtain the signatures of fifty students on a form provided by the Election Commission.

(c) Referendums shall be passed by only the student body by majority of votes cast. If the referendum is a proposed amendment to this Constitution, said proposed amendment shall have to be approved by the UAM Assembly and the University of Arkansas, Board of Trustees.

## Article VIII. RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

### SECTION 1. RATIFICATION

This Constitution shall take effect immediately after the student body ratification by majority of the students voting, approval of the UAM Assembly, and approval by the University of Arkansas Board Of Trustees.

### SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS

An amendment to this constitution may be proposed in two manners: (1) by a majority vote of the Senate; or (2) by referendum by petition of one-third of the student body. Amendments proposed by referendum must be submitted to the Senate in writing one week prior to any vote. After the proposal has been completed and verified through the Senate, the proposed amendment must be ratified by a majority vote of the student body voting and approved by the UAM Assembly and the University of Arkansas, Board of Trustees.

This proposed Constitution was passed in Conference by Unanimous Consent 1 of the members present the twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and the institution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello the one hundredth. Let it be known that this proposed Constitution shall be sent for approval of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association Senate, University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association President, student body of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the University of Arkansas at Monticello Assembly, and finally the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our Names:

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Taylor Norris, President

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Merrell Miles, Secretary

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Aliyah Kennedy, Treasurer

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Julia Martin, SAB Chair

This proposed Constitution was passed by the University of Arkansas 1 at Monticello Student Government Association Senate by Unanimous Consent of the members present the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and the institution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello the one hundredth. Let it be known that this proposed Constitution shall be sent to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Government Association President, student body of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the University of Arkansas at Monticello Assembly, and finally the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on behalf of the Senate Body:

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Shane Bostian, President Pro-tempore of the UAM SGA Senate

This proposed Constitution was approved by the student body of the University of Arkansas at Monticello the first day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and the institution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello the one hundredth. Let it be known that this proposed Constitution shall be sent to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Assembly, and finally the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names, certifying the results of the Spring 2015 student special election:

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Taylor Norris, UAM SGA President

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Mr. Jay Hughes, UAM Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs

This proposed Constitution was passed by the University of Arkansas at Monticello Assembly by unanimous consent of the members present in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and the institution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Let it be known that this proposed Constitution shall be sent to the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on behalf of the Assembly:

Dr. Donna Hunnicutt, Chairperson of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Assembly

This proposed Constitution was signed by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello the first day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and the institution of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name:

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Mr. Jay Jones, Interim Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello