

# Constitution for the Student Government Association

As the elected and appointed Delegation of Student Leaders, we establish this Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College, building upon the foundation laid by the previous Constitution, to expound upon the existing practices that define our system of governance. The Student Government Association shall serve as a liaison between the students and the administrators, faculty, and staff of Mississippi College by advocating the proposals for advancement made by the Delegation of Student Leaders, in accordance with Delegation of Student Leaders, procedure. The Student Government Association shall also exist to promote student welfare by providing opportunities for extracurricular student interaction and by exercising the authority to make judgments regarding student violations of campus rules.

## Article I

**Section 1.** The name of this governing organization shall be the Student Government Association of Mississippi College.

**Section 2.** All officially registered undergraduate students at Mississippi College shall be represented by the elected and appointed officials of the Student Government Association.

**Section 3.** The Student Government Association shall be divided into spheres of power, which shall consist of the Delegation of Student Leaders, the Executive Council, the Student Judicial Council, and respective boards and appointments. These spheres of power shall have both separate and overlapping jurisdiction, according to the provisions of this Constitution. No person may serve simultaneously in more than one office, either elected or appointed, of the Student Government Association.

## Article II: Delegation of Student Leaders

**Section 1.** The legislative powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Delegation of Student Leaders, operating under Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section 2.** Sixteen Delegation of Student Leaders members shall be elected representatives from which there are four class representatives per each academic class. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall also include six representatives from campus organizations and six representatives from each of the schools at Mississippi College.

The four representatives from each class shall be responsible for representing their academic class and the entire student body above their own interests and to the best of their ability in all Delegation of Student Leaders, affairs.

**Section 3.** Six Delegation of Student Leaders Representatives shall be selected from six Mississippi College student organizations. The selected organizations to be represented in the Delegation of Student Leaders shall represent specific subpopulations of students on-campus including but not limited to athletics, diverse people groups, transfer students, international students, Clubs and Tribes, and on-campus faith life. Should these organizations be changed as outlined below, the new organization(s) shall be suggested by the outgoing Executive Council and approved by the Associate VP for the Student Experience, the Director of the Student Engagement, and two thirds vote of Delegation of Student Leaders. Each of the selected organizations has the authority to select a representative from within their membership to serve on Delegation of Student Leaders. A student is eligible for appointment by their respective organization to the Delegation of Student Leaders if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 at the time of appointment.

The purpose of these representatives is to accurately represent and reflect within the Student Government Association the concerns and interests of their respective subpopulations and student organizations. By doing so, these Representatives of Student Organizations are to encourage dialogue and cooperation between their specific subpopulation, the leadership of the student body, and the student body as a whole.

These Student Organization Representatives shall have full rights to participate and serve within the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent student athletes, a representative from the Student Athletics Advisory Committee (SAAC) shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent diverse people groups among the student body, a representative from the Multicultural Student Association (MSA) shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent transfer students, a representative from the Mississippi College Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent international students, a representative from the International Student Association (ISA) shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent the individuals involved in clubs and tribes, a representative from The Council shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders.

To represent on-campus faith life, a representative from on-campus ministries shall serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders. The directors of those on-campus student ministries having offices on-campus (Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union, and Reformed University Fellowship) shall collectively select a student from the leadership of one of these student ministries. To serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders, this selected individual must be approved by the directors of these student ministries.

The organizations represented on the Delegation of Student Leaders shall be reevaluated following the end of every school year before the first meeting of the Delegation of Student Leaders the following year. The organizations represented should only be altered if the Delegation of Student Leaders and Executive Council collectively determine that the change will lead to a more holistic and accurate representation of the student body. However, the number of representatives shall never be more or less than six. Organizational changes

must be approved by a two-thirds vote of both the Delegation of Student Leaders and have approval from the Associate Vice-President for the Student Experience and the Director of Student Engagement.

**Section 4.** Besides serving as full representatives of the Delegation of Student Leaders, the duties of the Delegation of Student Leaders Representatives of Student Organizations shall be as follows:

1. To attend convened meetings of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
2. To serve on his or her respective committee.
3. To attend mandatory SGA Service day(s) and workshops.
4. To keep in mind the specific interests of their respective sub-populations within the student body when acting within their capacity as full members of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
5. To provide written Reports of Progress on happenings occurring within Delegation of Student Leaders meetings and committee meetings to their respective student organization at intervals determined by the leadership of their organization. These reports must be shared with the SGA Business Manager as well. These reports shall be written in memorandum format.
6. To provide written reports of the concerns of their respective student organization and subpopulation of the student body to the Delegation of Student Leaders at intervals determined by the Executive Council. These reports shall be written in memorandum format.

**Section 5.** Six Delegation of Student Leaders Representatives shall be Student Academic Representatives selected from the six schools of Mississippi College: The School of Business, the School of Christian Studies and the Arts, the School of Education, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Nursing, and the School of Science and Mathematics. The dean of each school has the authority to select a representative from within their membership to serve on the Delegation of Student Leaders. A student is eligible for appointment by the dean to the Delegation of Student Leaders if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 at the time of appointment.

The purpose of these representatives is to accurately represent and reflect within the Student Government Association the concerns and interests of their respective schools. By doing so, these Academic Representatives are to encourage dialogue and cooperation between their specific school, the leadership of the student body, and the student body as a whole.

These Student Academic Representatives shall have full rights to participate and serve within the Delegation of Student Leaders.

**Section 6.** Besides serving as full representatives of the Delegation of Student Leaders, the duties of Academic Delegation of Student Leaders Representatives of the schools of Mississippi College shall be as follows:

1. Attend convened meetings of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
2. To serve on his or her respective committee.
3. To attend the mandatory SGA service day each semester and the Student Council Workshops.
4. Conduct monthly meetings with the dean of their respective school or the chair of a department within the school as needed.
5. Representatives shall be responsible for gaining and understanding the perspectives of all student groups in their respective school by communicating with students from each department.
6. Representatives must present a report written in memorandum format at the end of the school year outlining conducted business within that position and future endeavors for their respective school.
7. To provide written Reports of Progress in memorandum format at intervals determined by the Executive Council on happenings occurring within Delegation of Student Leaders meetings and committee meetings to their respective dean. These reports must be shared with the SGA Business Manager as well.
8. To provide written reports in memorandum format of the concerns of their respective school and departments to the Delegation of Student Leaders at intervals determined by the Executive Council.

**Section 7.** The four elected class representatives from an academic class (freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior representatives) shall draft a report among themselves at the end of the academic year reporting the progress

within their academic class. This report shall be written in memorandum format and shall be submitted to both the Delegation of Student Leaders and the Executive Council.

**Section 8.** Delegation of Student Leaders class representatives shall be elected annually. A student is eligible for election to the Delegation of Student Leaders if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 at the time of the election.

**Section 9.** The Delegation of Student Leaders shall elect an officer annually during the fall semester. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall nominate a candidate and elect a Chaplain. The Vice President of the Student Government Association and the Business Manager of the Student Government Association shall hold office in the Delegation of Student Leaders.

1. The Vice President of the Student Government Association shall be the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders. He or she shall preside over Delegation of Student Leaders meetings and shall be responsible for the management of the Delegation of Student Leaders committees and for all discretionary decisions which shall arise relating to the internal functioning of the Delegation of Student Leaders and those relating to Delegation of Student Leaders relations with other campus organizations. He or she shall cast the deciding vote in the instance of a tie vote during a Delegation of Student Leaders meeting. The President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall have the authority to expel any Delegation of Student Leaders member who has accumulated two absences from Delegation of Student Leaders meetings within a semester. He or she shall fill any vacancy in the Delegation of Student Leaders, following the order of votes received by candidates on the ballot in the previous election. If no Delegation of Student Leaders member can be appointed by means of the previous election ballot, the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall appoint a representative, with the approval of the Delegation of Student Leaders, to fill the vacancy from the appropriate academic class. If the Vice-President is unable to preside over a meeting of the Delegation of Student Leaders, the chain of SGA executive officers who would stand in his or her place shall be in the following order: SGA President, the SGA Business Manager, and the SGA Chief Justice.

2. The Business Manager of the Student Government Association shall be the Clerk of the Delegation of Student Leaders. He or she shall attend all Delegation of Student Leaders meetings and shall maintain a record of minutes, including a record of attendance and roll call voting.

3. The Chaplain of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall lead the Delegation of Student Leaders in prayer at the beginning of each Delegation of Student Leaders meeting.

**Section 10.** The duties of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall be as follows:

1. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall meet on a biweekly basis during the academic year, as scheduled by the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders. The President of the Delegation of Student Leaders has the right to alter this schedule as needed.

2. Delegation of Student Leaders members shall draft proposed legislation and either approve or reject each piece of legislation or resolution brought before the Delegation of Student Leaders. Should the President of the Student Government Association veto a piece of legislation approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders, they shall have the power to override this veto by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting. Should the Delegation of Student Leaders exercise this power and override a presidential veto, the piece of legislation in question shall immediately go into effect.

3. Delegation of Student Leaders members shall be required to attend every meeting of the Delegation of Student Leaders. A Delegation of Student Leaders member shall be allowed two absences per semester. If a Delegation of Student Leaders member accumulates a third absence within one semester, the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall have authority to expel him or her for the duration of the term. Should a Delegation of Student Leaders member vacate his or her seat before the completion of his or her term, he or she shall communicate this decision in person or through email to the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of the right to run for the Delegation of Student Leaders the

following academic year.

4. Delegation of Student Leaders members shall be required to attend every meeting of their respective committee, as determined by the Committee chairman. Two absences from a committee meeting shall constitute one absence from a biweekly Delegation of Student Leaders meeting.

5. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall approve or reject appointments of the President of the Student Government Association and the President of the Delegation of Student Leaders. Approval of any such appointment, whether to a position within the Delegation of Student Leaders or to a position outside the Delegation of Student Leaders, shall require a two-thirds vote of those Delegation of Student Leaders members present and voting.

6. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall amend, approve, or reject the Student Government Association budget at the beginning of each semester.

7. The Delegation of Student Leaders shall have the authority to impeach any elected or appointed official for gross negligence of duty. An individual Delegation of Student Leaders member or a group of Delegation of Student Leaders members may bring written charges of impeachment, to be presented in a meeting of the Delegation of Student Leaders, against any elected or appointed official of the Student Government Association. Should the Delegation of Student Leaders, by majority vote of those members present and voting, move to entertain the impeachment charges, the official in question shall be considered impeached, and the proceedings shall move directly into a trial, to be held at the following meeting of the Delegation of Student Leaders. The President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall preside over the trial, and conviction will require a three-fourths vote of the Delegation of Student Leaders. In the case of the impeachment of the President of the Student Government Association or of the Vice President of the Student Government Association, the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association shall preside over the trial.

8. If convicted by the Delegation of Student Leaders, an elected or appointed official of the Student Government Association shall be expelled from the



Student Government Association and shall forfeit his or her right to hold any future Student Government Association office.

9. If one who is studying abroad desires to run for Delegation of Student Leaders, they may do so if they return to Mississippi College the following academic year. Students who wish to run for a Class Representative seat in the Delegation of Student Leaders and are unable to return in time for elections may send a representative to the meeting with a signed petition, so if all election requirements are met.

**Section 11.** A simple majority of the membership of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall constitute a quorum for conducting all business.

### Article III: Executive Council

The Executive Council shall consist of four elected positions and one appointed position and shall function as a unit, within the Student Government Association, to facilitate the implementation of legislation and resolutions approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders and the President of the Student Government Association, and within the student body, to promote extracurricular student interaction. All members of the Executive Council shall be vested with the power and charged with the obligation to execute their roles, in regards to both the council and the student body, in accordance with the specifications of the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College. Members of the Executive Council shall have overlapping powers, as specified in their respective sections of the Constitution, and they shall execute these powers both in their individual capacities and as members of an overarching governing body. Executive Council members must be in good judicial standing with the institution.

**Section 1.** The executive powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the President of the Student Government Association, who shall be assisted by the following four officials: Vice President, Business Manager, Chief Justice, and Chief of Staff. These five members shall comprise the Executive Council, and the President shall be the head of this council.

**Section 2.** The President of the Student Government Association shall be elected annually. A student is eligible for election to the presidency if he or she

has a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of the election. The president must have completed a minimum of eighty-four hours of credit by the end of the semester during which he or she takes office. The president must also have served a minimum of one term, or two full semesters, as a member of any branch of the Student Government Association before taking office.

The duties and privileges of this office shall be as follows:

1. To serve as the functional head of the Executive Council.
2. To serve the other four members of the Executive Council by endeavoring to aid them with their specified duties.
3. To appoint at the beginning of the Fall Semester, with the approval of the Delegation of Student Leaders all members of the Presidential Cabinet. The president may remove any member of the Presidential Cabinet for just cause without the consent of the Delegation of Student Leaders. The President may choose the amount of members delegated to the Presidential Cabinet. Additionally, with the approval of the Executive Council, the President may choose not to have a Presidential Council.
4. To appoint the Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association. The president-elect shall appoint his or her chief of staff during the month of April, and the Delegation of Student Leaders, either in a regular or special meeting, shall approve or reject this appointment.
5. To attend the biweekly meetings of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
6. To address the Delegation of Student Leaders at his or her pleasure, with the exception that he or she shall not be allowed to address the Delegation of Student Leaders once the body has begun discussion on an item of business and before the body has concluded discussion.
7. To review all legislation, both legislation and resolutions, approved, either passed or adopted, by the Delegation of Student Leaders, and to respond to

these by either signing or vetoing these pieces of legislation in their entirety. Should the president neither sign nor veto a piece of legislation within fourteen days of its approval by the Delegation of Student Leaders the piece of legislation in question shall go into effect. Should the President choose to veto a piece of legislation, he or she must submit a written report of his or her action to the Delegation of Student Leaders at the following regular meeting.

8. To faithfully implement any legislation, which has been approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders and which he or she has signed, involving the execution of power within his or her sphere, as delineated in the Constitution.

9. To serve both the student body and the Delegation of Student Leaders by calling any special meetings of either group, as he or she deems necessary.

10. To serve as a visible representative of both the student body and the Student Government Association by complying with requests from the administration to represent Mississippi College at school and public events.

11. To work both dates of the Student Council Leadership Workshop in the Fall.

12. To attend and assist in leading the SGA service days in the fall and spring semesters.

13. To establish and publicize set office hours of at least one hour per week.

14. To have the authority to expel any member of the Executive Council who has accumulated two absences from Executive Council meetings within a semester.

**Section 3.** The Vice President of the Student Government Association shall be elected annually. A student is eligible for election to the vice presidency if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the time of the election. The vice president must have completed a minimum of fifty-four hours of credit by the end of the semester during which he or she takes office. The vice president must also have served a minimum of one term, or two full semesters, as a member of the Delegation of Student Leaders before taking

office.

The duties and privileges of this office shall be as follows:

1. To serve in the capacity of President of the Student Government Association in the absence of the president or in the event that the office of president should become vacant.

2. To preside over the Delegation of Student Leaders.

3. To act as a liaison between the Delegation of Student Leaders and the administration. This shall include the submission to the appropriate parties included in the biweekly executive council meeting, all the legislation that has passed the Delegation of Student Leaders and has been signed by the Student Government Association President.

4. To provide a monthly update on legislation that has been presented to administration

5. To preside over the trial of an impeached official of the Student Government Association, save the instance that the impeached official is the President of the Student Government Association.

6. To oversee and assist the Business Manager in keeping an accurate and complete archive of the records of the proceedings of the Delegation of Student Leaders for the year of his or her term, including the cataloguing of all approved legislation and minutes.

7. To work both dates of the Student Council Leadership Workshop in the Fall.

8. To organize and lead the SGA service days in the fall and spring semesters.

9. To establish and publicize set office hours of at least one hour per week.

**Section 4.** The Business Manager of the Student Government Association shall be elected annually. A student is eligible for election to the Business Manager office if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the

time of the election. The Business Manager must have completed a minimum of fifty-four hours of credit by the end of the semester during which he or she takes office. He or she must have served in the Delegation of Student Leaders for at least one term, or two semesters. He or she must have a working knowledge of office productivity software. He or she must also be responsible for or delegate all graphic design needs of the Executive Council.

The duties and privileges of this office shall be as follows:

1. To serve as the Clerk of the Delegation of Student Leaders and, in this capacity, to maintain an accurate record of the minutes, including attendance and roll call voting. As the Clerk of the Delegation of Student Leaders the Business Manager shall be required to submit the written record of the minutes of each Delegation of Student Leaders meeting for correction and approval by the Delegation of Student Leaders.
2. To preserve and publish an accurate and complete archive of the records of the proceedings of the Delegation of Student Leaders, for the year of his or her term, including the cataloguing of all approved legislation and resolutions.
3. To conduct all official correspondence including but not limited to social media, campus email, Student Government Association website maintenance, and other means of outreach to campus – of the Student Government Association and Delegation of Student Leaders.
4. To be responsible for all funds of the Student Government Association and to maintain records of all receipts, pay orders, and disbursements of the Student Government Association's funds.
5. To work alongside the Delegation of Student Leaders to manage and delegate funds from the Campus Improvement Fund and the Campus Organization Fund throughout their term.
6. To present a prospective budget to the Delegation of Student Leaders at the beginning of each semester, as described in Title II, Section 110 of the Bylaws for the Student Government Association.

7. To publicize all Student Government Association elections and campus activities.
8. To work both dates of the Student Council Leadership Workshop in the Fall.
9. To attend and assist in leading the SGA service days in the fall and spring semesters.
10. To establish and publicize set office hours of at least one hour per week.
11. To handle all catering for events that the Executive Council hosts.
12. To be directly responsible for the digital signage program across campus. The following slides must be met and updated each week: SGA Weekly update, SGA QR codes slide for polls, SGA Instagram Post (if applicable), SGA Google Calendar which includes: SGA Events, Sports Events, Student Engagement Events, Intramural Schedules, Residence Life (if applicable), Academic Department Events. The deadline for submitting advertising requests will be the Sunday of the designated posting week. The Business Manager will be responsible for updating the weekly slides by Tuesday at 9 pm. There will be a constant minimum of 5 slides, and the maximum will be set by the Executive Council. The Business Manager has the authority to advertise, from submissions, what he or she deems fit. If

denied, an organization may submit an appeal to the Executive Council.

The following Mississippi College affiliates may be advertised: Student experience, Academic schools, fundraisers (if approved by the Business Manager), and athletic events. Additionally, the Business Manager may include other submissions if he or she deems fit.

**Section 5.** In addition to carrying out their executive functions, the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association shall also serve the student body by carrying out his or her respective judicial functions in the Student Government Association. The Chief Justice of the Student Government Association shall be elected annually. A student is eligible for election to the Chief Justice position if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the time of the election. The Chief Justice must have completed a minimum of eighty-four hours of credit by the end of the semester during which he or she takes office. The Chief Justice must also have served a minimum of one term, or two full semesters, on the Student Judicial Council before taking office.

The duties and privileges of this position shall be as follows:

1. To bring cases to the Student Judicial Council, to preside over all meetings and hearings of the Student Judicial Council, and to convene meetings and hearings of the Student Judicial Council.
2. To annually appoint via application Associate Justices to the Student Judicial Council that are approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders, the Dean of Student Experience, and the Director of Public Safety.
3. To attend a hearing for any student in violation of Mississippi College rules, and, in the event that this student is found guilty as charged, to recommend disciplinary action to the appropriate authorities.

4. To provide a hearing for any student wishing to appeal his or her case from the first Student Judicial Council hearing and to issue a final decision in such cases unless such a decision is overruled by a majority vote of a quorum of Associate Justices.

5. To make a deciding vote in cases decided on by the Student Judicial Council in the event of a tie among a quorum of the Associate Justices.

6. To preside over the trial in the event that the President of the Student Government Association or the Vice President of the Student Government is impeached.

7. To administer the oath of office to the Executive Council-elect.

8. To plan and oversee all election events including, but not limited to, the Executive Council debates, the coordination of candidates attending Club and Tribe meetings, and working alongside the Elections Commissioner in planning the Executive Council election day.

9. To attend both dates of the Student Council workshop in the Fall.

10. To attend and assist in leading the SGA service days in the fall and spring semesters.

11. To attend the biweekly meetings of the Delegation of Student Leaders.

12. To meet monthly with the Director of Public Safety at the discretion of the Chief Justice.

13. To establish and publicize set office hours of at least one hour per week.

**Section 6.** The Chief of Staff shall be appointed annually by the President. A student is eligible for appointment to the Chief of Staff position if he or she has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the time of appointment. The Chief of Staff must have completed a minimum of fifty-four hours of credit by the end of the semester during which he or she takes office. By nature



of this position, the duties assigned change with every administration and adjust with the needs of the individual Presidents and Executive Councils. However, the Chief of Staff will always have the following responsibilities:

1. To assist the President in whatever capacity he or she requires for the efficient execution of his or her duties.
2. To oversee and ensure the tasks designated to the Presidential Cabinet and organize a monthly meeting with the members of the cabinet as well as the President.
3. To serve as the Election Commissioner throughout each election process.
4. To oversee and plan the annual SGA Alumni Homecoming Reception.
5. To attend and assist in leading the SGA service days in the fall and spring semesters.
6. To attend both dates of the Student Council workshop in the Fall.
7. To establish and publicize set office hours of at least one hour per week.
8. To attend the biweekly meetings of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
9. To facilitate the assignments and duties of Mr. and Miss MC.
10. To serve as the Elections Commissioner of the Student Government Association (SGA Bylaws, Title IV, Section 103).

**Section 7.** In the event that any Executive Council office is vacated, the President of the Student Government Association shall call a special election to fill the office in question. Should a vacancy arise in the office of President of the Student Government Association, the Vice President of the Student Government Association shall assume the office and responsibilities of the presidency for the remainder of the term. The new President of the Student Government Association shall immediately call a special election to fill the

office of Vice President of the Student Government Association.

**Section 8.** In the event that any Executive Council office is not filled by election, the newly elected President of the Student Government Association shall fill the office in question with the approval of his or her Executive Council.

**Section 9.** In the event that the office of President of the Student Government Association is not filled by election, the current Executive Council shall provide no less than three and no more than five nominations to fill the office of President. The nominees are then voted on by the Delegation of Student Leaders and any nominee will need a majority vote to attain the position.

**Section 10.** Those elected to the Executive Council shall take office on the Monday before final exams, following their election and shall serve for one year.

**Section 11.** Those who have held an elected position within SGA may bypass the credit minimum requirement if not fulfilled for the following positions: Vice-President, Chief Justice, Business Manager, and Chief of Staff

## Article IV: Judicial Council

**Section 1.** The judicial powers of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Student Judicial Council.

**Section 2.** The Student Judicial Council shall be comprised of ten student Associate Justices appointed annually. The term of an Associate Justice shall be one term, or two semesters, from the time of their appointment. There shall be two Associate Justices from each class, and at any given time, the Judicial Council must contain three males and three females.

1. Student Associate Justices shall be appointed annually by the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association. To serve on the Judicial Council, these individuals must be approved by the Dean of Student Experience, the Director of Public Safety, and the Delegation of Student Leaders. The Associate Justices

of the Judicial Council are to be appointed and approved by the appropriate authorities no later than the third week after the start of the academic year in which they serve.

2. Any Associate Justice must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 at the time of his or her appointment, and he or she must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.50 throughout the time of his or her service.

3. Associate Justices shall annually elect among themselves a Reporter of the Judicial Council who will be responsible for keeping record of all decisions and votes of the Judicial Council. The Reporter of the Judicial Council shall make all information of the Judicial Council's decisions available to the other members of the Judicial Council and the Executive Council. The Reporter must have served at least one term on the Judicial Council. If none of the newly appointed Associate Justices have previously served on the Judicial Council, the office of Reporter shall be reserved for one of the Associate Justices who is either a junior or senior (attained 54 or more credit hours).

4. Associate Justices shall annually draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Judicial Council. These rules of procedure must be approved by the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association. The Reporter of the Judicial Council shall make these rules of procedure available to the other Associate Justices and to all other Executive Council members within the Student Government Association.

5. Any Associate Justice can be expelled from the Judicial Council should he or she be found guilty of abusing the powers of his or her office by the Student Government Association Chief Justice or the Delegation of Student Leaders. Before removing any member of the Judicial Council, the SGA Chief Justice must have a majority approval of this action by a quorum of Associate Justices.

6. If any Associate Justice is expelled from the Judicial Council or if a seat on the Judicial Council is vacated, the SGA Chief Justice shall appoint another Associate Justice to this seat in accordance with policies regarding the appointment and approval of Associate Justices enumerated in the Student Government Association Constitution.

**Section 3.** Judicial Council meetings and hearings shall be convened at the discretion of the SGA Chief Justice; however, these meetings and hearings must accord with policies regarding the time limits detailed in the process of appealing a traffic citation found within the Bylaws of the Student Government Association. The SGA Chief Justice shall reserve the right to convene an emergency hearing of the Judicial Council should he or she deem it necessary.

1. Judicial Council meetings and hearings shall be closed to the public. Any party involved in the decision of the Judicial Council reserves the right to be present at a Judicial Council meeting or hearing. A party shall maintain the right to defend himself or herself should he or she be accused of any action in which the Judicial Council is deciding.

2. Judicial Council meetings and hearings shall operate under rules of procedure drafted by the Associate Justices and approved by the SGA Chief Justice.

3. No Associate Justices shall miss more than two meetings of the Judicial Council in any given academic semester.

4. Decisions of the Judicial Council shall be made via majority vote among a quorum of Associate Justices. In the event of a tie, the SGA Chief Justice shall make the deciding vote.

5. Except in the event of a tie among the Associate Justices, the SGA Chief Justice shall not have a voice in the decisions of the Judicial Council unless otherwise enumerated within the Student Government Associations Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 4.** The duties of the Judicial Council shall be as follows:

1. The Judicial Council shall determine matters of interpretation of the Student Government Association Constitution and the Student Government Association Bylaws. Cases involving the constitutionality of any action of the Student Government Association or of any officer of the Student Government Association shall be heard and decided on by the Judicial Council.

2. The Judicial Council shall enforce rules and procedures involving campaign violations as detailed in the Student Government Association Bylaws. Cases involving campaign violations shall be heard and decided on by the Judicial Council.

3. The Judicial Council shall enforce rules and procedures involving appeals of vehicle and parking violations made to the Judicial Council as detailed within the Bylaws of the Student Government Association.

4. The Judicial Council shall serve as an appeal board for all student organizations of Mississippi College. Cases involving the appeal of a student from the decision of the Judiciary Board of his or her student organization shall be heard and decided on by the Judicial Council in accordance with the governing documents and rules of that student organization and the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws

5. The Judicial Council shall review the constitutionality of all decisions of the SGA Chief Justice made in an appeal to the Chief Justice from the hearing of the first Student Judicial Council. The Associate Justices via a majority of a quorum may rule that the decision of the SGA Chief Justice is unconstitutional.

6. The Judicial Council shall assist the Student Government Association Chief Justice in his or her duties.

7. Associate Justices shall participate in mandatory SGA service events and functions.

**Section 5.** A majority of Associate Justices present shall constitute a quorum at any Judicial Council meeting or hearing.

## **Article V: Amendments to the Constitution**

**Section 1.** Any amendment to the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College, to be ratified, shall necessitate a three-fourths vote of the members of the Delegation of Student Leaders

present and voting. Once approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders, the amendment shall go before the student body for approval, and ratification shall require three-fifths of the votes cast by the student body. Any amendment approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders must go before the student body within thirty academic days of its approval by the Delegation of Student Leaders.

**Section 2.** Amendments to the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College, to be voted upon by the student body, shall be made publicly available prior to the vote and posted at the polling location on the day of the vote.

**Section 3.** Any amendment to the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College, once ratified, shall take effect immediately.

**Section 4.** Amendments to the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College shall not affect any person who took office under the Constitution prior to the amending in question.

## Article VI: Hierarchy of Documents

**Section 1.** The Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College shall take precedence over the Bylaws for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College and any past or future legislation approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders.

## Article VII: Ratification of the Constitution

**Section 1.** This Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College shall be approved by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Delegation of Student Leaders present and voting. Once approved by the Delegation of Student Leaders, this Constitution shall go before the student body for approval, and ratification shall require three-fifths of the votes cast by the student body.

**Section 2.** This Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College shall be posted in a public area prior to the ratification vote

of the student body in addition to at the polling location on the day of the vote.

**Section 3.** This Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College shall, once ratified, take effect 1 May 2021 A.D.

April 2021-Proposed Changes, approved by the Student Leadership Council and ratified by the student body.

## **Bylaws for the Student Government Association**

### **Title I: The Legislative Branch Delegation of Student Leaders**

Be It Enacted by the Mississippi College Delegation of Student Leaders that:

#### **Section 101: Legislation Referral Process**

1. The Vice President of the Student Government Association should refer all adopted legislation to the appropriate parties included in the monthly executive council meeting.
2. The Vice President of the Student Government Association shall make a monthly report to the Delegation of Student Leaders regarding the status of legislation which has been previously referred to the appropriate parties included in the monthly executive council meeting.

#### **Section 102: Delegation of Student Leaders Member of the Year**

1. During the Spring semester, a Matthew Edwin Bradford Delegation of Student Leaders Member of the Year shall be selected by majority vote of the Delegation of Student Leaders.
2. Delegation of Student Leaders Members shall be allowed to speak on behalf of the nominees.
3. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

#### **Section 103: Mandatory Service Project**

1. All Delegation of Student Leaders members, Associate Justices, and any other officer whether elected or appointed in the Student Government Association shall be required to participate in a mandatory service day each semester.

2. Delegation of Student Leaders Members who do not participate in the mandatory service day of the Student Government Association shall be fined ten dollars. These funds shall be paid to the Student Government Association Scholarship Fund.

#### **Section 104: Delegation of Student Leaders Standing Committees**

1. Student Affairs Committee shall meet regularly to examine and discuss improvements and issues related to all experiences students may encounter. This includes but is not limited to student programming, student organizations, Clubs & Tribes, athletic teams, addition of majors/minors, grading issues, faculty recommendations, and other extracurricular and academic related issues.

2. Campus Affairs Committee shall meet regularly to examine and discuss improvements and issues related to all physical aspects of campus. This includes but is not limited to on-campus dining, facilities management, campus vendors, residence halls, and physical improvements to Mississippi College's campus.

3. All Delegation of Student Leaders Standing Committees must hold at least two meetings that are open to the general student population each semester. These public meetings will be planned by the committee heads and publicized through SGA social medias. If university policies prohibit public gatherings, these meetings public meetings do not have to occur.

4. The Documents and Protocol Council shall regularly examine the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Mississippi College and the Constitution for the Student Government Association of Mississippi College and recommend revisions or Amendments to unify



these documents. This council shall be composed of the President, the Vice President, the Business Manager, the Chief Justice, an appointed Representative of the Delegation of Student Leaders selected by the SGA Vice President, and an Associate Justice of the Student Judicial Council selected by the Chief Justice. The President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall serve as chairperson of this council.

## Title II: The Executive Branch

Be it enacted by the Mississippi College Delegation of Student Leaders that:

### **Section 101: Presidential Appointments**

1. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Delegation of Student Leaders, a Chief of Staff to serve as a seat on the Executive Council. The Chief of Staff will be selected prior to induction of the Executive Council.

### **Section 102: Student Government Association State of the University**

The Student Government Association shall hold an address to the student body so that the students are kept up to date with happenings within the organization. This address shall be held no later than three weeks before the end of the Fall and Spring semesters and can be held through an online and/or in-person format. The guidelines for this state of the university address are as follows:

1. The Fall address shall communicate passed bills, initiatives that were worked on during the Fall semester, and plans for the Spring semester.
2. The Spring address shall follow the same guidelines as the Fall address and be held during inauguration.
3. The address will be given by one nominated member of the Delegation of Student Leaders and the President of the Student Government Association. The President of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall nominate the representative and this nomination can be approved or rejected by the committee heads.

4. The address will be planned and shaped by the committee heads of the Delegation of Student Leaders, the nominated member of the Delegation of Student Leaders, and the Executive Council.
5. The nominated member of the Delegation of Student Leaders will speak specifically on behalf of the legislative branch and its actions during the fall semester.
6. The President of SGA shall speak on the organization as a whole and actions within the Executive Council.

### **Section 103: Authority of the Chief Justice to Expel Board Members**

1. The Chief Justice shall have the authority to expel any member of the Judicial Council who has accumulated two absences from Judicial Council meetings within a semester.

### **Section 104: Salaries of Student Government Association Officers**

1. Salaries of Student Officers shall be as follows:

a. President: \$2,000.00 yearly

b. Vice President: \$1,600.00 yearly

c. Chief Justice: \$1,100 yearly

d. Business Manager: \$1,000 yearly

e. Student Government Chief of Staff: \$800.00 yearly

F. Committee Directors: \$300 yearly

2. One half of an individual's annual salary shall be paid at the end of each semester, except in the case of financial need, in which case an applicant may receive an advance of salary with the approval of the Student Government

Association Business Manager and the Vice President for Enrollment Services and Dean of Students of the college. If, for any reason, an officer does not fulfill the duties of his or her office to the termination of the semester during which they received an advancement of salary, he or she shall repay the unearned portion of the salary to the Student Government Association.

3. A member of the Executive Council shall not receive his or her salary for the second semester until that member submits their yearly report to the Business Manager of the Student Government Association.

4. No salary change shall affect an officer serving at the time of its enactment.

#### **Section 105: Payment of Salaries**

Salaries shall be paid at the end of each semester on a basis of one half the totals for each semester except in the case of financial need, in which case the applicant may receive an advance of salary with the approval of the Student Government Business Manager and the Vice President for Enrollment Services and Dean of Students of the College.

#### **Section 106: Forfeiture of Salaries**

If, for any reason, an officer does not fulfill the duties of his office to the termination of the semester during which he received an advancement of salary, he shall repay the unearned portion of the salary to the Student Government Association.

#### **Section 107: Salary Changes**

No salary change shall affect an officer serving at the time of its enactment.

#### **Section 108: Yearly Reports of SGA Executive Council**

Each member of the Executive Council of the SGA as defined by the SGA Constitution shall prepare and submit to the outgoing Business Manager of the SGA no later than ten (10) days after his or her tenure of office expires, a

typewritten report summarizing the duties expected by that person in their particular office, analyzing problems encountered and solutions used for these problems, and giving any suggestions that he or she feels could contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the SGA in succeeding years.

The outgoing SGA Business Manager shall combine the yearly reports submitted to him or her and have a duplicate copy made.

One collection shall be sent to the office of the Associate Vice President for the Student Experience and Dean of Students and the other shall become the property of the Students Government Association to be kept in the SGA Office.

No member of the Executive Council shall be allowed to receive any unpaid portion of his or her salary for the second semester until that person submits the yearly report to the SGA Business Manager.

### **Section 109: Student Government Association Records**

The Student Government Association shall keep an accurate record of all organizational happenings from year-to-year. This record shall be accessible to all members of SGA through an online format. The guidelines for the upkeep and accuracy of these records are as follows:

1. All bills, whether passed or unpassed by the Delegation of Student Leaders, will be added to the records within two weeks of the vote of the specified bill.
2. One person from each committee, the SGA Vice President and the SGA Business Manager shall be responsible for managing the additions of documents and upkeep of the records.
3. Reports made by organization representatives, academic representatives, and any other student representatives be included in the records.
4. Notes taken in committee meetings, information from SGA polling, and documented actions from SGA, such as how an event was planned and executed, be included in the reports at the discretion of the representatives and officials who have such information.

5. The Delegation of Student Leaders representatives, as well as other SGA officials, be able to submit any other documents, ideas, or plans to be added to the records.
6. All documents for the records shall be installed before the end of the Fall or Spring semester, depending on when the specific record was submitted.
7. All records submitted must be in its final form/draft upon referral to the records unless there is minimal difference between the versions. The records keepers have the jurisdiction to evaluate the state of these specified records.

## **Section 110: The Student Government Association Budget**

The Student Government Association Business Manager shall present a prospective budget to the Delegation of Student Leaders at the beginning of each semester. The budget shall be treated as a resolution. The Delegation of Student Leaders may accept, reject, or amend the budget. The Student Government Business Manager will be allowed to participate in these proceedings as a non-voting member of the Delegation of Student Leaders.

### **Title III: Class Fund**

#### **Section 101: Class Fund**

Each class shall be credited one hundred dollars at the beginning of each semester. A class may hold fundraisers to acquire additional funds. A class may also request additional funds by submitting a proposal for a campus event to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall grant or deny these requests.

### **Title IV: Campus Elections**

#### **Section 101: Requirements and Procedures**

1. To run for an office on the Executive Council an individual must provide the Elections Committee with a petition signed by fifty undergraduate students at

or before the mandatory candidates' meeting. Additionally, the individual must submit a Form of Intent.

2. To run for a Delegation of Student Leaders class representative seat an individual must be a member of the academic class he or she seeks to represent and a full-time undergraduate student. He or she must provide the Elections Committee with a petition signed by twenty-five members of his or her academic class at or before the mandatory candidates' meeting. Additionally, the individual must submit a Form of Intent.

3. Executive Council elections date shall be held no earlier than the first day of March and no later than the last day of March, with discretion by the Elections Commissioner.

4. Elections for representatives of Academic Classes of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall be held within two weeks after Executive Council elections have concluded, with the discretion of the Elections Commissioner.

5. Academic Representatives of the Delegation of Student Leaders from the schools of Mississippi College shall be appointed by the Deans of their respective schools three weeks after Executive Council elections have concluded. Representatives of Student Organization of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall be appointed by their respective student organizations three weeks after Executive Council elections have concluded. The Elections Commissioner shall communicate with the Deans of the schools of Mississippi College and the student organizations the deadline set by the Elections Commissioner to make their appointments.

6. All elected Representatives from Academic Classes of the Delegation of Student Leaders and current and newly elected Executive Council officers shall assist the current Election Commissioner in election processes.

7. Elections shall be conducted both electronically and physically on election dates determined by the Elections Commissioner. Electronic elections shall be available by ballot online. Physical elections processes and locations shall be determined at the discretion of the Elections Commissioner.

8. Within these guidelines, the Elections Commissioner shall designate the dates for all elections.

### **Section 102: Campaign Regulations**

The candidates for Student Government Association offices must ensure that their campaigns observe the following regulations:

1. No campaigning shall be allowed until the time designated by the Elections Commissioner and announced at the mandatory candidates' meeting.

2. No campaign shall spend more than five hundred dollars. At a time designated by the Elections Commissioner, candidates must submit receipts for all campaign related purchases to the Elections Committee.

3. Material distribution is prohibited except for clothing, buttons, hats, and paper which conveys campaign messages.

4. No signs shall be affixed to a wooden or painted surface.

5. No campaign shall attack the character of one's opponent.

6. All officers of the Executive Council and officers of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall assist the Elections Commissioner in electoral processes, either physical or electronic. No candidate running for office shall not assist in electoral processes.

7. No candidate shall be allowed access to alter the ballot.

8. After the Elections Committee certifies a winner in a specific race, signs, and all other public forms of campaigning for that race shall be taken down within twenty-four hours.

9. Any violations of this section shall be reported to the Elections Committee and adjudicated by the Judicial Council.

### **Section 103: Oversight of Elections**

The Elections Committee shall have the authority to conduct all Student Government Association elections. The Committee's duties and privileges include the following:

1. To publicize the offices for which students can run, the date of elections, and the deadline by which petitions must be turned in to the committee.
2. To hold a mandatory candidates' meeting in which the candidates are notified of the laws which govern elections. The outgoing members of the Executive Council must attend the mandatory candidates meeting for individuals who are running for Executive Council.
3. To require candidates to sign a document by which they promise to abide by the laws concerning elections, promise to accept as final any ruling which the Judicial Council may make concerning their campaign, agree to run for a specific office, and certify that they meet the stated qualifications to run for that office.
4. To ensure that each candidate meets the stated qualifications to run for office.
5. To ensure that campaign material is taken down within twenty-four hours after an election.
6. To open the polls at 7:00 A.M. and to close the polls at 7:00 P.M.
7. To count the votes after the polls have closed, and to publicize a certified statement of the election results, signed by the Elections Commissioner and each acting member of the Elections Committee.
8. To enforce all elections laws by reporting violation of those laws to the Judicial council, describing the alleged violations, and recommending appropriate punishment.



9. To temporarily prohibit any campaign practice the Committee deems to violate election laws, until the Judicial Council hears the case.
10. To archive the complete election returns.

#### **Section 104: Enforcement of Elections Laws**

The Judicial Council shall have the authority to adjudicate all elections. The Council's duties and privileges pertaining to elections include the following:

1. To convene immediately when the Elections Committee reports a violation of the election's laws.
2. To determine the responsibility of the accused party.
3. To determine appropriate punishment for any violations. This may include fines which may not exceed one hundred dollars, removal from the ballot, or other appropriate punishment.
4. To determine whether the results of an election are valid in the case of a contested election. In extreme cases, the Judicial Council may disqualify the results of an election and call for a new election and bar the accused party from renewing his or her candidacy.
5. A decision reached by the Judicial Council to disqualify the results of an election, remove the charged candidate from the ballot, and call for a new election may be appealed by accused students or complainants within one (1) school day of notification of the decision to an Appellate Body consisting of the Associate VP of the Student Experience and/or Dean of Students. Such appeals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Elections Commissioner or his or her designee. If an appeal is upheld by the Appellate Body, the body may reinstate the aforementioned party's candidacy, but the candidate may have other sanctions placed upon their newly renewed candidature by the Chief Justice (loss of campaign privileges or other appropriate punishment). This upholding must take place within one (1) academic day of the Appellate Body's receiving of the appeal.

### **Section 105: Judicial Council and Elections Committee**

1. The Elections Committee shall be comprised of the Chief of Staff and the Student Government Association Chief Justice.
2. No member of the Elections Committee shall publicly support any campaign.
3. In the case that the current SGA Chief of Staff or SGA Chief Justice are on the Executive Council ballot, they will not be allowed to participate in their duties within the Elections Committee; members of the Executive Council will fill in these position as needed.
4. If a member of the Judicial Council is on the ballot, they shall recuse themselves in any case that pertains to elections.
5. No member of the Elections Committee or the Judicial Council shall be allowed to recuse him or herself from the oversight or adjudication of an election unless his or her name is on the ballot.

### **Section 106: Voting**

1. Public polls shall be held in a location determined by the election's commissioner. Students shall also be allowed to vote via their personal student account.
2. The polls shall be opened at 7:00 A.M. and be closed at 7:00 P.M. on the day of an election.
3. An elected member of the Student Government Association, the Chief of Staff/Elections Commissioner shall oversee the polls at all times. Individuals who are on the ballot are excluded from overseeing the polls.
4. Only full-time undergraduate students may vote in Student Government Association Elections. Only members of a class may elect the Delegation of Student Leaders members of that class and the Homecoming Maid of that class. The Elections Committee may employ any reasonable means to ensure

that students do not vote in the elections of a class which is not their own.

5. All voting shall be by secret ballot.

#### **Section 107: Vote Counting Procedures**

1. Election to a singular office shall require a majority vote. If no candidate in an election receives more than half of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes in the general election. The run-off shall be held within two academic days of the general election. Except in the case of the proceedings of campaign violation under the purview of the Judicial Council.

2. In the case of the Delegation of Student Leaders Academic Class Representatives, the four candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Delegation of Student Leaders. A run-off election shall occur only in the event of a tie for fourth place. The run-off shall be held within two academic days of the general election.

3. Election to a homecoming court position shall require a majority vote. If no candidate in an election receives more than half of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes in the general election. The run-off shall be held within two academic days of the general election. Except in the case of the proceedings of campaign violation under the purview of the judicial Council.

4. Election to the position of Mr. and Miss Mississippi College shall require a majority vote. If no candidate in an election receives more than half of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes in the general election. The run-off shall be held within two academic days of the general election. Except in the case of the proceedings of campaign violation under the purview of the judicial Council.

5. Any candidate may challenge the results of an election within fourteen days after the election's results have been publicized.

#### **Section 108: Homecoming Court Elections**

1. The Elections Committee shall conduct the homecoming court elections. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to adjudicate all homecoming elections.
2. Homecoming Court elections shall be held during the Fall semester. The Homecoming Queen elections shall precede the Homecoming Maid elections. The Elections Commissioner shall designate the dates for homecoming court elections.
3. The Elections Committee shall accept nominations for homecoming court positions and publicize the nomination process. All full-time students shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit nominations.
4. To be placed on the ballot for Homecoming Court and Homecoming Queen elections, a person must receive two nominations. Self-nominations shall not constitute a nomination.
5. The Homecoming Queen must be an academic member of the senior class of Mississippi College.
6. The Maid of Honor shall be the runner-up in the election of the Homecoming Queen.
7. Homecoming Maids must be academic members of their respective classes.
8. Campaigning for Homecoming Court positions is strictly prohibited.
9. Candidates for homecoming court positions shall be exempt from the mandatory meeting outlined in Title IV, Section 102 (1) of the Student Government Association Student Code. The Student Government Association Election Committee shall be held responsible for notifying all Homecoming position candidates of the applicable regulations.

#### **Section 109: Mr. and Miss Mississippi College Elections**

1. The Elections Committee shall conduct the Mr. and Miss Mississippi College

elections. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to adjudicate Mr. and Miss Mississippi College elections.

2. Mr. and Miss Mississippi College elections shall be held during the Fall semester, after all Homecoming court elections have been completed.

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Elections Commissioner shall designate the date for the Mr. and Miss Mississippi College election.

3. The Elections Committee shall accept nominations for Mr. and Miss Mississippi College and publicize the nomination process. All full-time students shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit nominations.

4. To be placed on the ballot for Mr. and Miss Mississippi College election, a person must receive two nominations. Self-nominations shall not constitute a nomination. Further, in order to accept nomination and be placed on the ballot, a person must provide the Elections Commissioner with the Mr. and Miss Mississippi College Form of Intent, which will be published to the student body prior to elections.

5. The elections for Mr. and Ms. MC shall strictly be honorary elections. Candidates must be nominated by persons other than themselves. No individual shall campaign for these positions after being nominated.

6. Mr. and Miss Mississippi College must have completed a minimum of eighty-four hours of credit at the time of nomination.

7. The students elected as Mr. and Miss Mississippi College must work in collaboration with the Student Government Association to promote on-campus involvement opportunities, service and/or charity opportunities, and campus athletic events throughout their tenure as Mr. or Miss Mississippi College.

#### Title V: Traffic Regulations

Be It Enacted by the Mississippi College Delegation of Student Leaders that:

## **Section 101: Control of Traffic**

All regulations concerning traffic control in relation to the students at large, shall be made by the Office of Public Safety in consultation with the Student Government Association.

## **Section 102: Enforcement**

The regulations concerning traffic control and parking shall be enforced by the proper authority. The Office of Public Safety has been granted the authority to issue citations, to ask for and receive from civil authorities any assistance needed and to initiate local action against violators.

## **Section 103: Moving Violations**

The following shall be moving violations of the Mississippi College traffic regulations on the campus and while entering or leaving the campus, punishable by the fines described in Title V, Section 106 of the Bylaws of the Student Government Association:

1. Reckless Driving - This shall include driving in such a way as to endanger persons or property.
2. Speeding - The posted speed limit on the MC campus shall be 10 miles per hour.
3. Entering One-Way Street Wrong - This shall include traveling on a one-way street in the wrong direction or pulling into a one-way street in the wrong direction for parking purposes.
4. Running a stop sign.
5. Failure to yield right of way at a yield sign.
6. Causing an Accident: This shall cover all accidents that might occur, no respect given to severity.

## **Section 104: Parking Violations**

The following shall be parking violations of the Mississippi College traffic regulations, punishable by the fines described in Title V, Section 106 of the Bylaws of the Student Government Association:

1. **Failure to Register:** All motor vehicles brought on-campus by faculty, staff, day students, residence hall students, night students, food service workers, and physical plant workers must be properly registered with the proper authorities unless otherwise authorized under the provision of this legislation. The fines for this violation, if paid within twenty-four (24) hours after the issuance of said citation, shall be applied to the cost of registration. If a period of 24 hours passes before action is taken, the fines are to be forfeited, and the cost of registration will be required in full. Campus Security will issue temporary stickers at no charge to students who have previously registered a motor vehicle at Mississippi College. The student desiring such a sticker for an additional motor vehicle brought on the campus should take his decal number to the Office of Public Safety in order to secure the temporary sticker.
  
2. **Improper Decal:** Only one Mississippi College decal is to be displayed at a time. The displayed decal shall be for the current academic term. The decal is to be displayed in one of the following locations: (a) left lower corner of the rear window, (b) left rear bumper, (c) on a metal plate attached to automobile tag.
  
3. **Wrong Lot:** This shall apply to anyone who parks in a parking lot not specifically designated for the decal classification registered to their vehicle.
  
4. **Over Line:** This shall include double parking and taking more than allotted space.
  
5. **Blocking Traffic:** This shall include parking in undesignated areas at any time that are for automobile movement or that cause the normal flow of traffic to be disrupted.
  
6. **Tow-Away Zone:** All tow-away zones shall be properly designated by yellow marking or by "tow-away" signs. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's

expense.

7. **Restricted or Improper Parking:** This shall include parking on any sidewalk, blocking a crosswalk, handicap ramp, or grass area.

8. **Overtime Parking:** A limit of ten (10) minutes shall be placed on all loading zones. Violators can be ticketed once every hour past that ten-minute limit, up to five tickets in five hours, and/or be towed.

9. **Visitor Parking:** No registered student, faculty, or staff at Mississippi College shall park in a visitor's parking place on weekdays between the hours of 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.

10. **Fire Zone:** All the fire zones designated by red curb paint. To adhere to safety codes and for the protection of the campus population, no parking will be permitted in these areas at any time. These areas should not be violated at any time on weekdays, weekends, or holidays.

11. **Handicap Spaces:** All handicap spaces are designated by blue curb paint. Only vehicles displaying a valid handicapped sticker issued by an appropriate state agency may park in these spaces. These spaces should not be violated at any time on weekdays, weekends, or holidays.

12. **Designated Spaces:** These parking spaces include any parking space specifically reserved for an individual, including, but not limited to, the University President, University Vice Presidents, the University CFO, the Residence Life Professional Staff. These spaces should not be violated at any time on weekdays, weekends, or holidays.

13. **Other Restricted Areas:** This includes, but is not limited to, any spaces that are marked off by the Office of Public Safety, marked off by caution tape, and any designated construction zones on-campus. These spaces should not be violated at any time on weekdays, weekends, or holidays.

### **Section 105: Additional Evening and Weekend Parking for Students**

The term "evening" shall be defined as 5:00 P.M. each weeknight until 7:00



A.M. on the following morning. The term “weekend” shall be defined as 5:00 P.M. on Friday afternoon until 7:00 A.M. on the following Monday morning. The following parking guidelines shall allow for additional parking for students during evenings and on weekends:

1. Each weekday evening, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M., all Commuter and Faculty/Staff parking lots shall be open to all parking decal classifications.
2. Each weekday evening, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M., all Visitor designated parking spots shall be open to all parking decal classifications.
3. On the weekends, from Friday at 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. on Monday, all parking lots on-campus shall be open to all parking decal classifications.
4. On the weekends, from Friday at 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. on Monday, all Visitor designated parking spots shall be open to all parking decal classifications.
5. Under no circumstances should any of the following be violated at any time on weekdays, weekends, or holidays: Fire zones, handicap spaces, loading zones for no more than ten minutes, and designated spaces and/or other restricted areas. These violations are described in Title V, Section 104 (10-13) of the Bylaws for the Student Government Association.

### **Section 106: Fines**

Any person found to be in violation with any of the preceding traffic regulations shall be fined according to the following schedule:

1. Reckless Driving: \$25.00
2. Speeding: \$25.00
3. Entering One-Way Street Wrong: \$25.00
4. Running Stop Sign: \$25.00

5. No Registration or Improper Registration: \$25.00

1. Ticket will be voided if student buys decal within 2 weeks of receiving ticket

6. Wrong Lot: \$25.00

7. Failure to yield at a yield sign: \$25.00

8. Blocking Traffic: \$25.00

9. Tow-Away Zone: \$50.00

10. Restricted or Improper Parking: \$25.00

11. Faculty/Staff Zone: \$25.00

12. Double Parking /Over Line: \$25.00

13. Causing an Accident: \$25.00

14. Overtime Parking: \$25.00, 1st citation \$10.00 each additional

15. Visitor Parking: \$25.00

16. Restricted Areas: \$25.00

17. Fire Zone: \$75.00 and/or tire lock

18. Handicap spaces: \$100.00 and/or tire lock

19. Designated spaces: \$50.00 and/or tire lock

20. Relocation/Tow Fee: \$50.00

21. Tire Lock Fee: \$50.00

All fines shall be paid to the Mississippi College Business Office within ten days after the citation has been issued. These time limits do not include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

### **Section 107: Filing an Appeal**

Drivers who are issued citations may appeal in writing to The Judicial Council. This appeal must be made within one hundred twenty (120) hours from the time the citation was issued, not including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, in order for the appeal to be valid.

How to Appeal a Traffic Citation:

1. File an appeal online at [www.mc.edu/safety/appeal](http://www.mc.edu/safety/appeal) within one hundred twenty (120) hours of the time the citation was issued.
2. The Judicial Council will consider all traffic appeals within a two-week period from the time the appeal is submitted. You will be notified via email from the SGA Chief Justice of the final decision of the Judicial Council on your appeal.
3. As stipulated in Point 4 of Section 5 of Article III of the SGA Constitution, the SGA Chief Justice will provide a hearing to any student seeking an appeal from the first Student Judicial Council hearing. Those students seeking an appeal of the first Student Judicial Council hearing will contact the SGA Chief Justice within one week of receiving the final decision of the Judicial Council from the SGA Chief Justice or forego their right to appeal to the SGA Chief Justice. The date and time of this appeal hearing will be set at the discretion of the SGA Chief Justice in agreement with the student seeking an appeal. Should the student seeking an appeal fail to appear at the hearing deciding upon by him or her and the SGA Chief Justice, he or she may be found in contempt of the Student Judicial Council and may be fined up to but not exceeding \$10.00.
4. If you are notified that your appeal has been either denied or only reduced by the Judicial Council, pay the remaining balance of the citation to the Mississippi College Business Office.

## **Section 108: Excessive Tickets**

A person issued an excess of five tickets for any traffic violations regardless of ticket payment or classification shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Judicial Council. They will be required to appear before the MC Judicial Council and the SGA Chief Justice at said council's discretion. Failure to appear on a scheduled date will result in disciplinary action by the Judicial Council. Students may be fined up to, but not over \$25.00 for each offense and placed on traffic probation. This is specified as follows:

1. That the Office of Public Safety be required to report to the Judicial Council any person who has received their sixth ticket for disciplinary action.
2. That any student receiving ten tickets during a given semester shall have all parking privileges on the MC campus revoked for the remainder of that semester; such student shall be reported by the Office of Public Safety to the Judicial Council for this action. If a student is caught parking a vehicle on-campus after their parking privileges are revoked, the vehicle driven by that student will be towed at the student's expense.
3. That the fine and/or disciplinary action be paid or taken care of within 10 days, if the action is not taken care of, the person shall be subject to further disciplinary action by the Judicial Court.
4. That the Judicial Council be responsible for following up the disciplinary action that they hand out.

## **Section 109: Use of Traffic Money for SGA Scholarships**

The use of traffic Fine Money for SGA Scholarships shall be as follows:

1. Each year two-thirds or \$600, whichever is greater, of the monies in the traffic fine account as of April 30, shall be used in awarding SGA Scholarships.
2. This money shall be used to award scholarships according to the procedures

established by the Student Government Association.

**Section 110: Transfer from Traffic Fine Fund to SGA General Account**

1. An amount of \$1,100.00 shall be transferred each year beginning with the 1991-92 school session from the traffic fund to the regular SGA account to replace money used to pay the salary of the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council.
2. An additional amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be transferred from the Traffic Fund account to the SGA General Account at the beginning of the year, or at the rate of \$500 per semester.

**Section 111: The Establishment of Traffic Fine Money held in Emergency Reserve for the Student Government Association**

1. A reserve shall be maintained of \$1,000 at the end of each school year.
2. Money in this reserve may be used only in case of a financial emergency of the Student Government Association.
3. The Dean of Students and the Associate Vice-President for the Student Experience shall determine the validity for the withdrawal from this reserve.

**Section 112: Permanent Administrator of the Traffic Fine Fund**

The Vice President for Administration of Mississippi College shall be the permanent administrator of the Traffic Fines Fund.

**Section 113: SGA Business Manager Responsible for the Records and Reports of the Traffic Fine Fund**

The Business Manager of the SGA shall be able to obtain an accurate complete account of the Traffic Fine Fund.

**Title VI: Student Organizations**

Be it Enacted by the Mississippi College Students Delegation of Student Leaders that:

### **Section 101: Objectives**

Any club organized at Mississippi College must be in keeping with the College's objective of intellectual excellence in an atmosphere of spiritual maturity. Student organizations are expected to contribute to the student's development in one of four different ways:

1. Complementing classroom instruction or enhancing academic learning;
2. Developing social interaction;
3. Providing for a profitable use of leisure time;
4. Encouraging better values and higher standards;

### **Section 102: Formal Requirements**

To be approved at Mississippi College an organization must fulfill one or more of the following requirements:

1. Be closely related to all academic discipline.
2. Be affiliated with a nationally recognized service club organization.
3. Be sponsored by a church or group of churches representing the religious affiliation of a significant number of Mississippi College Students.
4. Be a social club devoted primarily to promoting fellowship and social graces among Mississippi College Students.

### **Section 103: Prior Endorsement Necessary**

The proposed organization should have prior endorsement as follows:

1. An academic club must have the approval of the chairperson of the academic division to which the club relates and the approval of the Provost.

2. A service club must have the approval of the Director of Student Engagement.
3. A religious organization must have the approval of the Office of Christian Life.
4. A social club must have the approval of the Director of Student Engagement.

#### **Section 104: Petition for Charter**

Having gained the endorsement of the proper authority, those proposing to form a new club shall present to the Director of Student Engagement a petition for a charter, submitting such pertinent information as the following:

1. Name of organization and sponsoring group.
2. Nature and purpose of organization.
3. Membership standards.
4. Costs of initiation and annual dues including data regarding requirements for participation in national conventions.
5. Probable maximum enrollment.
6. Data regarding regular meetings to be held during the school year.
7. Provisions for sponsor or sponsors to be named.
8. Tentative Constitution.

Director of Student Engagement shall forward the petition to both the MC Experience Committee and the Student Government Association for approval of chartering. Approval of both the Delegation of Student Leaders and the MC Experience Committee will be required before a charter may be granted. In

the event of an appeal, the Student Government Association must in writing provide specific revisions to the organization's charter.

### **Section 105: Organization Changes**

After a petition is approved, any changes in the organization must receive prior approval of the MC Experience Committee. Each organization shall abide by Delegation of Student Leaders regulations relative to maintaining its charter.

### **Section 106: Official Student Activities Calendar**

The Student Activities Calendar is to be set by the Office of Student Experience and shall be recognized as the official school calendar for all planned activities of all chartered organizations.

### **Section 107: Procedures for Planning Activities**

All planned activities of all chartered organizations, upon approval of the appropriate administrative head, must be placed on the Student Activities Calendar. Items should be submitted at least 14 days prior to the event. Student organizations not complying with this policy may be refused the services of college facilities.

### **Section 108: Student Organizations**

All student organizations at Mississippi College must complete and return a re-chartering form to the Office of Student Experience each Spring in order to function as a chartered body at Mississippi College for the following year. Failure to comply with this regulation shall result in a revocation of that group's charter until this form is completed and returned.

## **Title VII: Scholarships**

### **Section 101: SGA Scholarships**

1. An SGA Campus Leaders Scholarship shall be established.



2. All scholarships shall be worth \$500 per semester.
3. All money from this scholarship shall be obtained from the traffic fine account. If the money in the traffic fine account is not at or does not exceed the amount of \$5,000.00, then the SGA Campus Leaders Scholarship will not be awarded that academic year.
4. The SGA Campus Leaders Scholarship is open to any undergraduate student who displays strong leadership qualities. An application for this scholarship will be annually drafted by the outgoing Executive Council. This application will be made available to all undergraduate students who will be undergraduates the next academic year at Mississippi College.
5. The selection shall be conducted by a committee consisting of the outgoing SGA President and the SGA sponsors.
6. The committee shall make its selections by one week prior to the first day of final examinations for the spring semester.
7. Past and potential service of applicants shall be considered by the committee as criteria for this scholarship along with leadership qualities exhibited in an area of the student body.
8. The scholarship shall be awarded for the next academic year.
9. \$4,000 of the available funds for the scholarship shall be reserved for recipients for the "SGA Scholarship for Outstanding Service Award."
10. Students serving on the SGA Executive Council may receive the SGA scholarship regardless of the institutional scholarship cap. If the amount in the traffic fine account is not at or does not exceed \$5,000.00, then the remainder of traffic fine funds after consider the \$4,000.00 reserved for the "SGA Scholarship for Outstanding Service Award shall be evenly distributed among the Executive Council members as a scholarship.

## **Section 102: SGA Scholarship for Outstanding Service**

1. An “SGA Scholarship for Outstanding Service” award shall be established.
2. This scholarship shall only be awarded if the traffic fine account has a balance of \$4,000.00. If the traffic fine account does not have this balance, then the money shall be incorporated into the SGA budget for the next academic year.
3. This scholarship award shall be given to four students who have made significant contributions to the student body of Mississippi College during the current academic year. No elected or appointed officials of the Student Government Association shall be eligible to receive this award. Only students who are returning to Mississippi College as an undergraduate for the upcoming fall semester shall be eligible to receive the award.
4. The value of these scholarships shall be \$1,000 yearly, or \$500 per semester.
5. Nomination and selection shall be conducted by the Mississippi College Delegation of Student Leaders. The nomination process shall function as the normal legislative process as the Delegation of Student Leaders does, apart from voting procedure.
6. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. Each member of the Delegation of Student Leaders shall vote for up to four nominees featured on the ballot. The four nominees receiving the most votes shall win the award.
7. Funding for this scholarship award shall be derived from the traffic fine account.