

**THE CONSTITUTION OF**  
**THE CLARKSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
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**PREAMBLE**

We, the undergraduate student body of Clarkson University, believe that living in and building a free and democratic society entails responsible self-government and rational debate. Furthermore, we believe that educational institutions exist for the pursuit and dissemination of truth and reason.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Clarkson University Student Association, hereinafter referred to as the CUSA Senate, where CUSA refers to the undergraduate student body of Clarkson University in its entirety.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The purposes of the CUSA are:

- 1) To recommend, coordinate, and legislate programs of interest to the students, faculty and administration of Clarkson University.
- 2) To join with representatives of the administration, the faculty and the community in efforts that furthers the common welfare of the student.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 – All undergraduate students of Clarkson University and Clarkson School Students who have paid their activity fee are voting members of the CUSA.

Section 2 – Graduate students who pay the specified undergraduate activity fee will be eligible to join the CUSA Senate sponsored organizations and will be granted full voting privileges; however only Clarkson undergraduates may hold a CUSA Executive Board or CUSA Senator position.

Section 3 – All procedures concerning the levying of student activities fees shall be included in the Financial By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE IV – DUTIES & POWERS OF THE CUSA SENATE**

Section 1 – The legislative and policy forming powers, as well as such other powers necessary and proper to execute the objects as set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be vested in the CUSA Senate.

Section 2 – The CUSA Senate shall consider any or all recommendations of any or all of its Committees. The CUSA Senate shall have the power to refer back, defeat, or pass any motion it

deems necessary or otherwise dispose of these or any other recommendations that may come before it by Committee or any other form.

Section 3 – The CUSA Senate shall have the jurisdiction, including powers of authorization and revocation, over all activities which it funds. The CUSA Senate shall not have nor shall it be considered to have responsibility for the financial or internal affairs of those organizations which it does not recognize and shall not have nor shall it be considered to have responsibility for the financial affairs of those organizations which it recognizes but does not fund.

Section 4 – Any organization which receives funds from the CUSA Senate shall be bound by any Financial or Asset Management policy as set forth in the appropriate CUSA By-Laws with respect to the spending of its funds as may be promulgated by the CUSA Senate.

Section 5 – The CUSA Senate shall not withdraw recognition or financing due to editorial policy, nor shall the CUSA Senate formulate editorial policy for any Clarkson student media, including but not limited to, radio, newspaper or television station.

Section 6 – The CUSA Senate shall have the power to enact The Clarkson University grievance procedure. The CUSA Senate shall have the jurisdiction over this procedure. This procedure shall be used to settle disputes among its members, member organizations, and clubs.

#### ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP OF THE CUSA SENATE

Section 1 – The student members of the CUSA Senate shall be composed of the six (6) Executive Board officers and the twenty-five (25) Senators, six (6) representing each class and one (1) Clarkson School Representative, and two (2) nonvoting graduate representatives. These thirty-one (31) people shall sit as members of the CUSA Senate until the close of that term of office and the election of new Executive Board officers, Senators and representatives. No CUSA Senate member shall be removed from office because of a change in class standing.

Section 2 – All elections shall be decided in favor of the candidate(s) who receive(s) the greatest number of votes cast, except that CUSA Executive Board Officers and Class Officers shall have received not less than forty (40) per cent of the votes cast for that office. Should this requirement not be met, a run-off election between the candidates receiving the first and second largest number of votes shall be held. A run-off election shall also be held in the event of a tie for a CUSA Executive Board office or for the fourth elected senator of a class. All run-off elections will be held on the same days of the week in the following week after the announcement of the election results.

Section 3 – Power of disqualification for violations of election procedures shall lie entirely with the CUSA Senate upon recommendation of the Elections & Policy Committee.

Section 4 – Any petition of protest must be received by the Elections & Policy Committee by the immediate Friday at 4:00 p.m. after the polls close.

Section 5 – All other election procedures shall be outlined in the Election By-Laws.

Section 6 – Should any Senator resign, become ineligible to serve by reason of death, incapacitation, or removal from office, the office shall become vacant. Vacancies in Senator positions shall be filled from the class which was represented by the individual in that seat. A Committee comprised of the remaining CUSA Senators of that class and chaired by a CUSA Senator of the respective class appointed by the CUSA Executive Board, shall select the person to take the vacated spot. If there is only three (3) meetings or less of the CUSA Senate remaining in the current term of office, the vacant position shall remain vacant until the start of the subsequent term of office.

## ARTICLE VI – CUSA EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Section 1 – The CUSA Executive Board officers, in order of presiding officer, shall be the President, the Vice President, the Public Affairs Director, the Comptroller, the Treasurer and the Secretary. They shall be elected in accordance with the elections provisions as set forth within this Constitution and the Elections By-Laws. The officers of the CUSA shall be the officers of the CUSA Senate and shall compose the Executive Board.

Section 2 – The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be those provided in this Constitution, By-Laws, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3 – The CUSA Executive Board officers must have, and maintain, a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

Section 4 – The President of the CUSA must have served in the CUSA Senate at least one (1) full term, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA President are as follows:

- (1) He/she shall be responsible for outlining the goals and direction of the CUSA Senate for the full term.
- (2) He/she shall be unbiased in the execution of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Law, and Robert's Rules of Order.
- (3) He/she shall be the Chair of the CUSA Senate.
- (4) He/she shall Chair the Executive Board.
- (5) He/she shall vote upon legislation only in case of a tie.
- (6) He/she shall have the right to veto legislation.
- (7) He/she shall be the primary supervisor of any employee's of the CUSA.
- (8) He/she shall invite guest speakers, at the discretion of the Executive Board and the CUSA Senate, to attend weekly CUSA Senate meetings.

Section 5 – The Vice President of the CUSA must have served on the CUSA Senate at least one (1) full term, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA Vice President are as follows:

- (1) He/ she shall act in accordance with those directives of the CUSA President and of the CUSA Senate.
- (2) He/she shall fulfill the CUSA President's duties in case of absence.

- (3) He/she shall oversee the CUSA Senate Committee Chairs.
- (4) He/she shall act as sergeant of arms and enforce all policies except the CUSA Finance Policy.
- (5) He/she shall act as the chair for the Club Council
- (6) He/she shall handle any and all relations between clubs and CUSA

Section 6 – The Public Affairs Director of the CUSA must have served on the CUSA Senate at least one (1) full term, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA Public Affairs Director are as follows:

- (1) He/she shall chair the Public Affairs Committee.
- (2) He/she shall communicate with the Faculty Senate
- (3) He/she shall regularly communicate with the student governments of the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley.
- (4) He/she shall oversee and regularly communicate with all organizations recognized by the CUSA Senate.

Section 7 – The Comptroller of the CUSA must have served on the CUSA Senate at least one (1) full term of office, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA Comptroller are as follows:

- (1) He/she shall use the CUSA Finance Policy as the guide for which the financing of the CUSA Senate is based upon.
- (2) He/she shall maintain inventory records.
- (3) He/she has the power to veto the actions of the CUSA Treasurer or the Finance Committee. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Finance Committee is needed to override the veto.
- (4) He/she shall oversee the budgets of all CUSA recognized organizations.
- (5) He/she shall take minutes at the Finance Committee meetings.
- (6) He/she shall chair the Asset Management Committee.

Section 8 – The Treasurer of the CUSA must have served on the CUSA Senate at least one (1) full term of office, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA Treasurer are as follows:

- (1) He/she shall uphold the CUSA Finance Policy to its fullest extent.
- (2) He/she shall chair the Finance Committee.
- (3) He/she shall oversee the budgets of all CUSA recognized organizations with the CUSA Comptroller.
- (4) He/she shall be responsible for the day to day financial transactions of the CUSA Senate and the CUSA recognized organizations.
- (5) He/she shall not have a vote in any decisions of the Finance Committee except in case of a tie.

- (6) He/she has the power to veto any decision of the Finance Committee except in the budgeting procedure. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Finance Committee is required to override the veto.

Section 9 – The Secretary of the CUSA must have served at least one (1) full term of office, with a full term being defined as one (1) academic year. The duties of the CUSA Secretary are as follows:

- (1) He/she shall maintain accurate minutes and attendance records of the CUSA Senate. These shall be public documents open to any member of the CUSA.
- (2) He/she shall organize the scheduling of Committee meetings.
- (3) He/she shall oversee the security of all CUSA Senate assets and locations in which those assets are stored. He/she may appoint a Committee to aid in this endeavor and work with the CUSA Comptroller to maintain an accurate asset list.
- (4) He/she shall write and distribute a bimonthly newsletter pertaining to the on-goings of the CUSA Senate.
- (5) He/she shall facilitate the senator of the week and senator of the month awards.
- (6) He/she shall be responsible for the overall record of attendance, including weekly meetings and Committee meetings.

Section 10 – Should any elected CUSA Executive Board officer resign or become ineligible to serve as such officer by result of death, incapacitation, or removal of office, the office shall become vacant. The office of the CUSA President shall be filled by the CUSA Vice President whenever that office is declared to be vacant. All other offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the entire membership of the CUSA Senate. Only those candidates who pass the required standing for office as contained in this article shall be eligible for nomination. Additionally, all candidates must be nominated as determined in Article V of this Constitution. In the event that no such interested candidate exists, the CUSA Executive Board, upon approval by the entire CUSA Senate, shall use their own discretion to install the most qualified candidate regardless of the stipulation of having served at least one (1) full term of office.

## ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The establishment of Committees shall not constitute approval of any action taken by a Committee except upon authorization of the CUSA Senate nor shall it constitute a grant for the expenditure of money (except operating expenses) unless such a grant is authorized in this Constitution or By-Laws or, if the expense is less than fifty (50) dollars. Otherwise, approval of the Executive Board is necessary.

Section 2 – An ad-hoc Committee may be established to investigate a particular matter by a majority vote of the CUSA Senate.

Section 3 – Committee Chairs, including any ad-hoc Committees, shall be appointed from the membership of the CUSA Senate by the CUSA Executive Board.

Section 4 – All CUSA Senate members, with the exception of the Committee Chairs, must be active in at least two (2) CUSA Senate standing Committees or ad hoc Committees and are responsible to attend every meeting. Two (2) unexcused absence from Committee meetings will be equivalent to one (1) unexcused absence from a CUSA Senate meeting. Additionally, at the discretion of the Committee Chair and the approval of the CUSA Vice President, absences may be awarded based on the incompleteness of assigned projects.

Section 5 – The CUSA Vice President shall have the responsibility in regards to the proper functioning of all CUSA Committees. The CUSA Vice President will also be considered ex-officio chairman of all Committees, and shall act as chairman pro-tempore of any Committee in which a chair is vacated until a new appointment is made.

Section 6 – The Secretary shall keep an overall record of CUSA committee attendance.

Section 7 – The membership of any CUSA Committee, except where specified elsewhere in this article, shall be any member of the CUSA as allowed by the Committee Chair, and there shall be an attempt to have at least one (1) representative from each class on each Committee.

Section 8 – The ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

- (1) Shall be responsible for organizing all CUSA sponsored events held on or off campus.
- (2) Shall strive to host 2-3 CUSA sponsored events per semester.
- (3) Shall work with CUSA Recognized clubs and other campus organizations in the organization of campus events.
- (4) Shall work with the Director of Student Life and Engagement in the planning and commission of all campus events.

Section 9 – The ELECTIONS & POLICY COMMITTEE:

- (1) Shall administer all elections under the jurisdiction of the CUSA Senate and shall provide for strict enforcement of the Election By-Laws regarding campaigning and election procedures.
- (2) Shall administer all CUSA Senate referendum as per the Election By-Laws.
- (3) Shall, prior to any election held under the jurisdiction of the CUSA Senate, prepare any necessary information for the prospective candidates to insure that all CUSA members are informed of all election dates and procedures.
- (4) Shall be chaired by a senior CUSA Senator, and the voting membership shall consist of all senior CUSA Senators.
- (5) Shall oversee all policies and/or By-Laws of the CUSA Senate except for the CUSA Finance Policy and the CUSA Asset Management Policy.
- (6) Shall have the Chair serve on the Organization Conduct Board.
- (7) Shall review, approve, and then present every two (2) years all club Constitutions to the CUSA Senate. If after the two (2) year period a club's Constitution has not been reviewed and approved by the Activities

Committee, the club will be placed on a two (2) month probation period. During the two (2) month probation period, the club will not be able to request additional funds from the CUSA out of capital expenditure, depreciation, club contingency or circumstantial contingency. The club will, however, have access to their budget. If the two (2) month probation period expires and the CUSA Senate has not approved a revised Constitution, the club will lose all funding and recognition by CUSA.

- (8) Shall notify the appropriate clubs by November 1<sup>st</sup> of any club Constitution that is about to expire. This gives the club a two (2) month period to prepare their Constitution for review since each Constitution expires on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the appropriate year.
- (9) Shall review any case of club dissolution and make the appropriate recommendation to the CUSA Senate.

#### Section 10 – The PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- (1) Shall be responsible for maintaining correspondence with all University media.
- (3) Shall advertise the Legal Aid Clinic.
- (4) Shall organize the yearly Activities Fair.
- (5) Shall provide publicity for any CUSA recognized organization and the CUSA Senate.
- (6) Shall be chaired by the CUSA Public Affairs Director.

#### Section 11 – The FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- (1) Shall review and, as necessary, revise the CUSA Finance Policy during the fall semester each academic year.
- (2) Shall formulate the yearly CUSA Senate budget.
- (3) Shall investigate and report depreciation, contingency, and capital expenditure requests.
- (4) Shall evaluate and allocate depreciation and operating budget requests.
- (5) Shall evaluate and recommend contingency, and capital expenditure based on compliance with the CUSA Finance Policy.
- (6) Shall strictly follow the guidelines of the CUSA Finance Policy.
- (7) Shall be chaired by the CUSA Treasurer.

#### Section 12 – The STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE:

- (1) Shall keep communications open with the campus food services, the health services, the safety and security department, the counseling services, and the deans of housing and maintenance, and any other service which has an impact on the students.
- (2) Shall solicit and collect student complaints and work with administration to reach solutions.

### Section 13 – The ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- (1) Shall oversee and review any academic situation that affects/concerns the students.
- (2) Shall maintain communication with the academic departments.
- (3) Shall review and report on any academic policy that will have an impact on the students.
- (4) The Chairperson shall hold a position on the Academic Integrity Committee of the Faculty Senate.
- (5) The Chairperson shall also chair the Student Ambassadors Committee.

### Section 14 – The ASSEST COMMITTEE

- (1) Shall oversee all club assets.
- (2) Shall review and, as necessary, revise the CUSA Asset Management Policy during the fall semester each academic year.
- (3) Shall be chaired by the CUSA Comptroller and the membership shall consist of all freshman CUSA Senators.

## ARTICLE VIII – ADVISORSHIP

Section 1 – The CUSA Senate shall be advised by the Associate Dean of Student Organizations. This advisor should attend all meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Section 2 – Should the Associate Dean of Student Organizations be unavailable, the CUSA Senate shall choose a faculty advisor(s) from the staff of Clarkson University as recommended by the CUSA Executive Board.

## ARTICLE IX – IMPEACHMENT

Section 1 – After a hearing before the CUSA Senate, the CUSA Senate may move to remove or suspend any CUSA Executive Board officer, CUSA Senator or representative, or any ancillary organization officer or member by a two-thirds (2/3) of the entire CUSA Senate. The grounds for impeachment are only:

- (1) Embezzlement, fraud, or other felony.
- (2) Malfeasance in office.
- (3) Neglect of duties.
- (4) Acts contrary to this Constitution, its amendments and By-Laws of the ancillary organization.

Section 2 – The CUSA President shall preside at all hearings except that the CUSA Vice President shall preside if the CUSA President is on trial or has disqualified him/herself. In the instance where the CUSA President and CUSA Vice President or the serving chair are on trial or



have disqualified himself/herself, the presiding officer shall be whoever is next in the order of CUSA Executive Board officers.

Section 3 – Specific charges against the accused shall be levied and filed with the Executive Board not less than twelve (12) days prior to a regular CUSA Senate meeting. The accused shall be provided with a written notice of the charges made against him/her at least ten (10) days in advance of his/her hearing. Such notice shall include:

- (1) A verbatim reference to the specific regulatory basis for considering the alleged act(s) as wrongful.
- (2) An explanation of the precise act(s) or omissions of the accused which are the subject of the notice.
- (3) A list of all witnesses who may be expected to give testimony against the accused and a description of other types of evidence which is held and may be used against him/her.
- (4) A statement of the specific time and place the hearing is to be held.
- (5) A general statement of the rights which will be accorded the accused at the hearing.

Section 4 – Each side shall have the right to counsel, to cross examine, to call witnesses, and to introduce evidence within the context of due process. A stenographic and/or audio recording of all hearing proceedings shall be maintained by the CUSA Secretary or, if the CUSA Secretary is on trial, a member of the CUSA Senate chosen by the CUSA Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE X – RECALL

Section 1 – Action to recall any member of the CUSA Senate or Class Officer must begin with a petition signed by thirty (30) per cent of the group which he/she represents. On the day following the CUSA Senate meeting at which the petition is received, it shall be the duty of the CUSA President to give adequate notice of an election to be held by the group represented within two (2) weeks. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the students voting favoring such a recall shall be necessary to affect the recall.

#### ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

Meetings of the CUSA Senate shall be held at a time and place fixed by the CUSA President in accordance with the By-Laws and with agreement of the CUSA Executive Board officers, provided, that a meeting shall be held at least once a week during the regular academic year at a definite time and place. For reasons that call for a meeting to be canceled, a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) is required for approval.

#### ARTICLE XII – VOTING/VETO

Section 1 – A vote will only be effective if taken at a meeting where a quorum has met.

Section 2 – The Executive Board officers shall be deemed ex-officio members of CUSA, and shall not hold a vote during the meetings.

Sub-Section A – The CUSA President shall have a vote in the instance of a tie.

Section 3 – After legislation is passed the CUSA President has ten (10) academic days or until the opening of the next CUSA Senate meeting, whichever comes first, to veto this legislation. In the case of financial decisions and Constitution renewals made by the Finance Committee and Activities Committee respectively, the CUSA President has until 12:00 p.m. on the Friday following the CUSA Senate meeting to veto the decisions.

Section 4 – The CUSA Secretary shall keep track of all approved legislation until it has been vetoed or time has expired on the CUSA President's veto power.

Section 5 – All vetoed legislation will be brought up by the CUSA Secretary in his/her officer report. A motion for an override vote may be brought up during new business on the agenda. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CUSA Senators, representatives and the CUSA Executive Board officers will override the veto.

Section 6 – Legislation may not be reintroduced to the CUSA Senate prior to the fourth regular meeting after its final defeat by veto or regular vote.

Section 7 – After the decision of the Finance Committee, the CUSA Treasurer has three (3) academic days to completely veto the decision. The veto is complete only after the CUSA Comptroller has received a written verification of the veto. Any decision, passed by the Finance Committee or vetoed by the CUSA Treasurer, must be written and submitted to the CUSA Comptroller within three (3) academic days of the decision. The CUSA Comptroller has four (4) calendar days to veto this decision.

Sub-Section A – All vetoed decisions will be presented to the next Finance Committee meeting. A motion may be raised to override any veto.

### ARTICLE XIII – FINANCES

Section 1 – The CUSA Senate shall derive its funds from the collection of dues, the collection of the undergraduate activity fee and by lawful profit making activities.

Section 2 – All clubs and organizations of the CUSA Senate that meet the requirements set forth in Article IV of the Senate By-Laws may be eligible for funding as stated in the CUSA Finance Policy. A budget must be submitted to the CUSA Senate as the CUSA Finance Policy outlines.

Section 3 – The CUSA Senate is eligible for funding by the CUSA. The Finance Committee shall make a budget and submit it to the CUSA after all the members of the CUSA Senate and CUSA Executive Board have approved it.

Section 4 – The CUSA Finance Policy outlines the budgeting process that the CUSA Senate shall follow when appropriating money and the guidelines funded clubs and organizations shall follow when spending funds.

#### ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION

Section 1 – In case of dissolution of any funded club or organization, including the CUSA Senate, all assets will revert to the CUSA.

Section 2 – The CUSA Senate may dissolve any member organization upon recommendation of the Activities Committee and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CUSA Senate.

#### ARTICLE XV – SUPREMACY OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1 – This Constitution and its By-Laws as they now exist, and as they may be amended or have attached to them other annexed, shall supersede all other Constitutions, documents, and such related governing instruments as may therewith be associated in the control of the CUSA Senate, its Committees, or any other related organization.

Section 2 – This Constitution prohibits the CUSA from joining any organization by an act of the CUSA Senate if that organization shall be possessed of a superior governing instrument, without ratification by fifty per cent plus one (50% + 1) of those members of the CUSA present and voting in referendum.

Section 3 – The CUSA Senate and/or the CUSA Executive Board shall not act, pursue, or create acts contrary to this Constitution.... Individuals accused of these acts shall be subject the repercussions of Article IX and are subject to impeachment.

#### ARTICLE XVI – HAZING

Neither this organization nor any member of this organization may authorize any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or involves the forced consumption of any drug form (i.e., alcohol) for the purpose of initiation or affiliation with this organization. This organization shall be subject to rescission of permission to operate on campus property and loss of CUSA Senate recognition in addition to any other legal penalty if they are found to be in violation of the aforementioned law.

#### ARTICLE XVII – PETITION

Section 1 – Upon petition by ten (10) per cent of the members of the CUSA, any issue designated by said petition must be submitted to referendum of the CUSA by the CUSA Senate. The results of any such referendum is binding upon the CUSA Senate.

Section 2 – Upon petition by five (5) per cent of the members of the CUSA, the CUSA Senate shall be bound to consider the implementation of the contents of the petition at the next regular CUSA Senate meeting.

## ARTICLE XVIII – CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Section 1 – This Constitution is subject to review every two (2) years by the CUSA Senate.

Section 2 – The reviewed Constitution shall be presented to the CUSA Senate for adoption when a copy of the same shall have been signed by not less than five (5) CUSA Senators. At that time it must be tabled for at least seven (7) days.

Section 3 – The reviewed Constitution shall be considered adopted when either:

- (1) Four-fifths (4/5) of the CUSA Senate shall approve it.
- (2) One-half (1/2) of the CUSA Senate shall approve it and when a majority of these members of the CUSA Senate present and voting in referendum concur with the revised Constitution.

Section 4 – This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

## ARTICLE XIX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any duly authorized session of the CUSA Senate; provided, however, that the session is not a result of a special notice to consider another specific subject.

Section 2 – No action except discussion by the CUSA Senate sitting as Committee of the whole, or the taking of testimony while sitting as such a Committee may be taken upon the amendment unless seven (7) days shall have elapsed after the amendments have been proposed.

Section 3 – An amendment shall be considered proposed when submitted in typed or printed form in a manner that conforms with the form of this Constitution and is signed by not less than five (5) members of the CUSA Senate, or by five (5) per cent of the members of the CUSA.

Section 4 – An amendment shall have been deemed ratified and thus annexed to the Constitution when two-thirds (2/3) of the entire CUSA Senate concur with the amendments, and when a majority of those members of the CUSA Senate present and voting in referendum concur with the amendment. If accepted by a majority of the entire CUSA Senate, the amendment shall also be deemed ratified and thus annexed to the Constitution, if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the CUSA Senate present and voting in referendum concur. In either event, not fewer than seven (7) days written notice shall be given to each CUSA Senate member and to each recognized University media source along with correct and adequate representation of the then current Constitution and the proposed amendments. Copies shall be made available to all who may desire them, and placed wherever else deemed desirable by the Elections & Policy Committee prior to the date of referendum.

Section 5 – Amendments shall become effective immediately following certification of ratification by the Elections & Policy Committee, unless there be proof of fraud. If fraud is

suspected a Committee composed of six (6) students appointed by the Governing Operations Committee, whose members are ineligible, and six (6) faculty appointed by the CUSA Executive Board shall review and make a decision on the validity of the ratification. Their decision shall be final.

#### ARTICLE XX – RATIFICATION

Section 1 – This Constitution shall be presented to the CUSA Senate for adoption when a copy of the same shall have been signed by not less than three-fifths ( $\frac{3}{5}$ ) of the entire CUSA. This Constitution, when submitted in referendum, shall be adopted if accepted by a majority of those members of the student body who are present and voting.

Section 2 – This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and each CUSA Senate member shall assume his/her corresponding office in the CUSA Senate for the remainder of his/her term.

Section 3 – Should this Constitution be adopted at any time other than thirty (30) days preceding normal elections, special elections shall be held to fill any vacancies created.