# AUGUSTANA COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

#### **CORE VALUES**

Advocacy: As a student-centered association, SGA speaks, supports, and acts on behalf of Augustana students, from individual student needs to the needs of the student body as a whole.
 Transparency: Openness and honesty keeps SGA accountable for sharing all information with the student body.
 Commitment: Demonstrating the utmost care and dedication to one's peers is the single greatest factor that contributes to SGA's genuine efforts to make progress on campus.
 Inclusivity: In order to ensure diversity and equity, SGA strives to accurately represent and serve Augustana's dynamic community.

## ARTICLE 1. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Section 1.** The President and the Vice President will be paid for a maximum of 11 hours per week for fulfilling their duties. The Speaker of the Senate, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chief of Staff will be paid for a maximum 10 hours per week for fulfilling their duties.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board will create internal committees, within the Student Senate, in which members of the Student Senate will serve on, in order to successfully fulfill their role as outlined in Article 2 Section 3 of the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) Constitution. These committees are subject to change by the Executive Board, in order to properly reflect the needs of the Student Body as well as the Campus as a whole.

## ARTICLE 2. STUDENT SENATE

**Section 1.** Senator attendance policy is as follows:

- 1. Each Senator has two (2) excused absences per semester. After two (2) excused absences an additional absence will be marked as unexcused.
  - A) As outlined in Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution, a Senator must have a proxy for the absence to be marked as excused. This means Senators may only have a proxy for two (2) meetings per semester.
  - B) The Secretary should be notified of an absence and the name of the Proxy no later than three (3) hours prior to the start of the meeting.
  - C) If a Senator is unable to find a proxy, they must contact the Secretary and inform them. The absence will count as unexcused.
- 2. Unexcused absences (no matter how many a Senator incurs) will result in a private meeting between the Senator in question and the Executive Board (E.B.). The E.B. reserves the right to discipline the Senator as they see fit, except in cases of impeachment. If Impeachment of the Senator is deemed necessary by the E.B., the E.B.



will follow the rules of impeachment, outlined in Article 6 of the Augustana College Student Government Association Constitution.

- 3. Elected Senators who anticipate missing more than two (2) meetings in a semester due to a known conflict (study abroad, sport, job, etc.) will be eligible to serve on the Senate contingent upon the following requirements (failure to adhere to the requirements will lead to the Senator's removal from the Senate and the protocol outlined in Article 5, Section 13 of the Bylaws will be followed):
  - A) Unanimous approval from the Executive Board
  - B) Completion of all Senator Requirements
  - C) Attending at least HALF of that semesters SGA meetings
  - D) Ensuring a proxy serves in their place for all absent meetings and Secretary approved reasoning for absence (ex: basketball game that night)
  - E) Active participation in their committee, corroborated by the chair of that committee (the Senator at question may not serve as chair of a committee during the semester)
- 4. Senators may only invoke the stipulations outlined in Article 2, Section 1 (3) for one semester per school year.
- 5. When searching for a proxy, Senators are recommended to search for potential proxies via the Proxy Bank well in advance of the meeting they will be missing. If a Senator is still unable to find a proxy after searching the Proxy Bank, they should then reach out to other members of their constituency. The Proxy Bank shall be set up as follows:
  - A) After each Senate election cycle, losing candidates should be encouraged to register for the Proxy Bank.
  - B) Following fall semester Senator elections, the entire student body should be notified of the opportunity to register to for the Proxy Bank. The registration period will be left open for the entire academic year.
  - C) Registration for the Proxy Bank entails students listing their name, email, academic year, major(s), housing status, and any other information that could potentially qualify them for a spot as a proxy (ex: International student, Varsity athlete, Office of Student Inclusion & Diversity, etc.).
  - D) A document will be created and shared with the Senate listing each member currently in the proxy bank, their contact information, and what constituencies they represent. This document shall be updated and maintained throughout the school year.
  - E) The Speaker shall share relevant training materials with students once they are registered in the Proxy Bank.

**Section 2.** All members of the Student Senate have the following responsibilities while holding office:

- 1. Must email and meet with all of their liaison groups twice per semester.
  - A) Senators should meet with all of their liaison groups at least once by the end of Week 7.



- B) A Senator should notify the E.B. in the event that a group does not respond after multiple attempts to contact.
- 2. Must acquire four (4) Campus Hours per semester. These hours must come from attending one (1) from each of the four (4) categories; these are Fine Arts, Sports, Academic Speaker, and Cultural.
  - A) Senators must acquire at least two (2) Campus Hours by the end of Week 7. The remaining hours must be completed by the end of Week 14.
  - B) Attending any school event (I.E. Sporting Event, Concert, Theatre Production, Student Group Event, etc.) will count as a Campus Hour contingent upon approval by the Secretary.
  - C) The Senator must fill out an online document (provided by the Secretary) answering questions about the event with attached photographic evidence of their attendance. The Secretary has the authority to determine if attendance at the event is conceivable and will determine if it counts towards a Campus Hour. The questions within the document will be determined by the E.B. every year.
  - D) Attending an event that a Senator is a part of will not count towards a Campus Hour (I.E. Attending a swim meet as a swimmer).
  - E) Pursuant to Article 4, Section 4 (3) of the Constitution, the Secretary will notify the Senate of upcoming Campus Hour opportunities. If a Senator attends an event not announced by the Secretary, they should email the Secretary beforehand and make sure it counts as a Campus Hour.
- 3. Must Complete two (2) SGA Hours per semester.
  - A) Senators should complete one (1) SGA hour by the end of Week 7. The remaining hour should be completed by the end of Week 14.
  - B) The Secretary will notify the Senate of upcoming SGA Hour opportunities. Examples of a SGA Hour include working events put on by SGA.
  - C) If working events where a sign-in sheet is provided, Senators do not have to email photographic evidence to the Secretary. If no sign-in sheet is provided, Senators will be required to submit photographic evidence to the Secretary who will then determine if it counts as a SGA Hour.
- 4. Must reach out and engage with the students in their respective constituencies.
- 5. Must attend and participate at all Student Government Association meetings including committee meetings both during and outside of SGA meetings.

Failure to meet these responsibilities are grounds for impeachment. Instances in which a Senator fails to meet the mid-term or semester requirements will result in a meeting before the E.B. where the Senator will be put on probation for the next seven (7) weeks. Each year the E.B. will decide the terms of probation on a case by case basis for Senators who do not complete their requirements. Senators failing to meet either the mid-term or semester requirements following the probation period will be forcibly removed from office by the E.B.. Future eligibility for re-election will also be considered by the E.B..



<u>Class</u> First-Years—4 Sophomores—3 Juniors—3 Seniors—3	Academic Divisions STEM—1 Social Science—1 Business—1 Humanities—1 Cultural Studies—1 Fine Arts—1 Education—1	Student Life OSID—1 Varsity Athletics—1 MPB—1 SLPB—1 Campus Ministries—1 International—2 Transfer—1	Residences Westerlin—1 Swanson—1 Seminary—1 Andreen—1 Erickson—1 TLA—1 Commuter—1

**Section 3.** The Student Senate is composed of 36 students from the following groups:

Class, Academic Division, and Residence Senators will be elected on by their respective constituency. Student Life Senators will be appointed within the student group they are representing.

\*The majors making up each academic division can be found at the end of this document.

**Section 4.** The number of members in the Student Senate is subject to change in response to increases, decreases, or restructurings in the student body population and/or physical changes to buildings and programs on the campus.

## **ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION OF STUDENT GROUPS**

**Section 1.** Approval of student groups is completed through the Student Policy Committee of Augustana College. This provides students groups with ability to receive funding from SGA, in the limited capacity of contingency requests.

**Section 2.** Only those student groups having previously received contingency funding from Student Government Association are recognized as official student groups by Student Government Association. This provides the Student Senate with the power to act as a second check on the approval of student groups, subsequent to that of the Student Policy Committee of Augustana College.

**Section 3.** Unrecognized student groups who have attempted but did not succeed in receiving contingency funds may request contingency funds at a later date. The length of this wait period is to be the judgement of the Executive Board, but is limited to one fiscal year, thus allowing unrecognized student groups the opportunity to receive recognition, at minimum, once each fiscal year.

# **ARTICLE 4. FUNDING REGULATIONS**



*Section 1.* The Student Senate has the power to approve contingency applications, providing student groups with additional funding throughout the academic year.

**Section 2.** Budget allocation is the responsibility of select members of the President's Cabinet and the President-Elect's Cabinet as outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution. Evaluation of these requests is not subject to the rules and regulations of contingency funding as outlined in Article 4, Section 6 (5[A-C]).

**Section 3.** All student groups recognized by the SGA may submit requests for and receive funding from annual budget allocations. Groups not submitting requests, and unrecognized groups may not receive funding from this process.

**Section 4.** Student groups' merit will be established on whether the student group has done their best at fundraising, how well are they managing their funds, and if the group is inclusive to the rest of the Augustana community. In the evaluation of all funding requests, the Student Senate, the Executive Board, or any involved parties will take into consideration this merit.

**Section 5.** In the event of a student group's expenses exceeding the sum of amounts awarded by SGA and those funds gathered by the group for a fiscal year, the overdrawn amount will be subtracted from that group's allocation for the following fiscal year. If a mismanagement of funds is particularly egregious and doing so jeopardizes the stability of the student group, the Executive Board will arrange a meeting with the group and the Business Office of Augustana College to develop an alternative plan. Overages of a student group will be made aware to the Student Senate during the presentation of the group's contingencies for two fiscal years, following the initial infraction. Budget overages can be viewed by SGA as evidence of mismanagement of funds.

*Section 6.* The rules and regulations regarding contingency funding are as follows:

- 1. All student groups approved by the Student Policy Committee of Augustana College have the right to present a contingency request to the Student Senate.
- 2. The Student Senate is responsible to keep in mind student health and safety when debating contingencies.
- 3. To remain fair to all student groups, once the Senate approves a contingency a precedent is set for the remainder of the academic year when considering similar contingencies.
- 4. Except in relation to set precedents, the Student Senate will treat every contingency on an individual basis and never compare the merit of one student group or contingency to another.
- 5. Specified, hierarchical views of the Student Senate in the evaluation of contingency applications are below. All items not explicitly outlined herein will be considered in the fullest:
  - A) The Student Senate will always consider requests for:
    - a) Funding fundraisers
    - b) Funding food and refreshments
    - c) Funding for conferences and out-of-town retreats
    - d) Funding tournaments and/or competitions



- B) In extreme cases, the Student Senate will consider requests for:
  - a) Funding varsity or club sports
  - b) Funding reimbursement requests, given that those requests comply with normal contingency guidelines
  - c) Funding proposals for which a group has done little or no fundraising
  - d) Funding proposals for groups or activities that are/were not open to the entire campus
  - e) Funding alumni involvement in activities
- C) The Student Senate will rarely, if ever, consider requests for the following. Funding of these items can be considered unconstitutional:
  - a) Funding social/greek fraternities/sororities
  - b) Funding unidentified speakers
  - c) Funding hotels or lodging
  - d) Funding airfare
  - e) Funding scholarships
  - f) Funding cable programming
  - g) Funding advisor and coaching expenses
  - h) Funding gifts

#### **ARTICLE 5. ELECTION CODE**

**Section 1.** This document will serve as the official guidelines for forming the Election Committee and for conducting all Student Government Association elections. Its authority is given by Article 7 of Augustana's Student Government Association Constitution.

**Section 2.** The rules and regulations for the Election Committee are below:

- 1. The Election Committee is formed and comprised as follows:
  - A) At the start of every academic year the President of Student Government Association will appoint five students, selected from both the Student Senate and/or the Executive Board, to serve on the Election Committee. The Committee will select an internal member to serve as a chairperson for the committee.
  - B) If the President is eligible to run for another term of office, the Vice-President will appoint members to the Election Committee. If the same is true for the Vice-President, then the Speaker of Senate will appoint members to the committee. If the same is true for the Speaker, a Senior Class Senator or an E.B. member will be chosen to appoint the committee.
  - C) Election Committee members are not eligible to run for any office in Student Government Association during the current election cycle. If a member wishes to run for office they must notify the Chair and the President three weeks before that election's applications are available and step down from the committee. If this establishes a conflict of interest within the Election Committee, all members in question will be asked to step down from the Committee, and their seats will be re-appointed.
- 2. The Election Committee maintains the following powers and responsibilities:



- A) The Election Committee is responsible for running all Student Government Association Elections, both Presidential and Senate. This includes:
  - a) Notifying the Student Body of when applications are due, when voting will take place and ensuring adequate time has been provided to students in these processes.
  - b) Declaring the method of voting, either electronic or by physical ballot.
    - i) Should electronic voting be selected, the Committee will coordinate voting with a member of Augustana's ITS, ensuring students only vote for those seats to which they are active constituents.
    - ii) Should physical ballot voting be selected, the Committee will coordinate voting with the Dean of Students Office.
  - c) Authoring applications, setting up all procedures for applying, and ensuring all applicants have met the application deadline.
  - d) Ensuring proper verification of eligible candidates.
  - e) Confirming with candidates that their preferred name appears on the ballot, in the order in which applications are received.
  - f) Approving all candidate's publicity and campaign material, by simple majority vote.
  - g) To provide absentee ballots for eligible students away from campus upon written request to the Election Committee.
- B) The Election Committee is responsible for organizing the annual Presidential and Vice-Presidential debate, which will occur during the Presidential campaign period.
- C) The Election Committee is granted authority over the elections and maintains power to set additional rules over the election proceedings, of which the student body and the Student Senate will be notified. Should the Committee wish to declare a standing policy, the standard amendment process must take place.
- D) The Committee Chairperson has the authority to designate responsibilities to the other Election Committee members.
- E) The Election Committee will perform additional duties as assigned to the committee by the President and Vice President or Student Senate.
- 3. The Election Committee will vote in accordance with the following:
  - A) All committee members will have equal voting power.
  - B) All decisions of the Election Committee, unless otherwise specified, will be made by a simple majority of all the voting members present.
  - C) Quorum of the Election Committee is simply defined by those members present at opportunities to vote.

**Section 3.** All candidates must meet the following requirements, in addition to those outlined in the Constitution, to be eligible for office:

1. Candidates must pass a disciplinary review following their submission of a completed application form, coordinated confidentially through the Dean of Students Office. It is up to the discretion of the Dean of Students what disciplinary charges disqualify a candidate.



- 2. An office-holder's position shall be relinquished in the event that the office-holder is no longer a member of his/her particular constituency. Such relinquishment shall result in a special election.
- 3. The President and Vice-President of Student Government Association are not able to be the President or Vice-President (or the corresponding position) in any of the following groups/activities at Augustana College:
  - A) Any college publication or broadcast organization
  - B) SLPB
  - C) MPB
  - D) Greek Council

**Section 4.** The regulations and procedures relating to applications are as follows:

- 1. Potential candidates shall be given one week to apply for placement on the ballot of each election.
- 2. All candidates on the ballot must have returned a completed application form to the Dean of Students Office by the end of the sign-up period.
- 3. All applications must contain the following information:
  - A) Legal name
  - B) Preferred name as it shall appear on the ballot
  - C) I.D. number
  - D) Campus Address
  - E) Phone number
  - F) Mailbox number
  - G) Desired Position
  - H) Signature
- 4. A list of all current Election Committee members, and their contact information, will be included on all applications. Applications will also include the Election Code, in full.
- 5. Applications for President and Vice-President will require a team of two persons, which comprise a Presidential ticket, to request and receive 300 unique signatures, in the form of a petition, from members of the Student Body, indicating a desire for their ticket to appear on the ballot. This is not an opportunity to campaign, as defined under the campaign rules and regulations section. Candidates, rather, are petitioning to be on the ballot.
  - A) Such petitions must be completed by the candidates themselves, between the release of Presidential applications and the corresponding due date.
  - B) Petitions must include all signers' signature and campus ID number.
  - C) Only current Augustana College students are eligible to sign a ticket's petition.
  - D) A signer must sign his/her own signature, no more than once, on a ticket's petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else.
  - E) The signatures gathered need not be mutually exclusive between opposing Presidential tickets.
  - F) Candidates will be allowed to review opposing ticket's petitions for discrepancies or violations. If a signature is believed to be illegitimate, the questioning ticket may come before the Election Committee with evidence of its invalidity, in which case the Election Committee will rule to support or void the signature in question.



6. After the sign-up period has officially come to a close, no potential candidate may change the office he/she is running for, and no additions may be made to the list of potential candidates.

#### *Section 5.* The rules and guidelines for campaigning and publicity follows:

- 1. At least one week will be provided for campaigning between the last day of candidate sign-ups and the first day of elections. At least two weeks will be provided to campaign for Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections over the corresponding period.
- 2. The following rules will apply for every Student Government Association election:
  - A) All campaign material must be approved by the Election Committee prior to use. This includes all media, both physical and electronic.
  - B) Candidates must respect the wishes of the college, its administration, and custodial staff in the placement of campaign materials on campus and in campus buildings. The following restrictions apply to any and all campaign publicity in any form:
    - a) No bricks
    - b) No buildings
    - c) No light posts
    - d) No artwork
    - e) No trees or plant-life
    - f) No glass/mirrors
    - g) No interior walls
  - C) Campaign material cannot be set up near election tables and will be removed from the area.
  - D) Candidates are encouraged to follow all aspects of Augustana College's Code of Social Conduct. If actions are deemed egregious enough to come before the Dean of Students, Augustana College's Code of Social Conduct can be used as the grounds under which a candidate is disciplined.
  - E) Any act believed to be of malicious intent, performed knowingly or unknowingly and including but far from limited to vandalism, defamation of character, libel, slander, etc. shall be reported to the Election Committee, who will determine if disciplinary action is appropriate.
  - F) Candidates who fail to meet these campaign standards will be disciplined in accordance with the regulations defined herein.

*Section 6.* The ballots for any S.G.A. election will be formatted according to the following:

- 1. The first and last names of accepted candidates, listed in the order in which applications were submitted.
- 2. A statement specifying the number of candidates for whom a voter may cast his or her ballot.
- 3. Distinctions between votes being cast for a Divisional Senator and votes being cast for At-Large Senators.
- 4. A space for write-in candidates.



#### **Section 7.** Policy regarding voting is as follows:

- 1. All elections concerning the Student Government Association will be held over two consecutive weekdays during the same week. Elections will close at midnight of the second day.
- 2. All Augustana College students are eligible to vote.
- 3. Every student will receive a voter code associated with their ballot, either by paper or electronically.
- 4. Election tables, staffed by the Election Committee or other non-bias students, will be available for students to vote. These tables can be found at a convenient spot on campus.
- 5. Solicitation of eligible voters near the election tables is strictly prohibited. Candidates found guilty of soliciting voters, will be immediately placed on trial before the Student Policy Committee of Augustana College, in accordance with disciplinary regulations found herein.
- 6. Violators of the above rules will be subject to action by the members of the Election Committee and considered from removal from the ballot.

**Section 8.** The rules and regulations regarding vote tabulation, results, and contesting an election are as follows:

- 1. Votes for Senate and Presidential elections will be tabulated by ITS if electronic voting takes place or by the Dean of Students Office if voting is done physically.
- 2. Results will be released in accordance with the following policies:
  - A) The election results will be distributed through a campus-wide media such as email or in coordination with the Augustana Observer.
  - B) Exact vote totals will be furnished to a candidate only upon request of that candidate and conditional to all opponents' permission, with the exception of Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections, wherein exact vote totals will be made public.
- 3. The contesting of an election will be conducted in accordance with the following:
  - A) Any candidate who wishes to contest the results of a Student Government election may do so, but not before 24 hours after the close of the election, and not 72 hours after the close of the election.
  - B) The candidate must present a typed statement to the Dean of Students and the President and Vice-President stating his/her reason(s) for the contestment.
  - C) The Student Policy Committee of Augustana College, chaired by the Dean of Students, shall be the final judge in deciding to honor the contestment and invalidate the election, or to disallow the contestment and let the election results stand.
  - D) The burden of proof in a contestment shall reside with the contesting party.

**Section 9.** Additional election policies for specific positions are found below:

- 1. The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections will be conducted according to the following:
  - A) Elections for President and Vice-President shall be held in the last academic term



in the year prior to the President and Vice-President elects' year of service.

- B) Those elected shall be designated "President and Vice-President elect" until they assume their offices, being sworn in at the third-to-last weekly meeting of the Whole.
- C) The President and Vice-President of Student Government Association shall run together on a ticket. Candidates will not be permitted to publicly declare, announce, or campaign as a full Executive Board until after the campaign season, voting season, and results have been announced. Winning tickets may nominate any eligible student, including their opponents during the election cycle, to serve on the President's Cabinet.
- 2. Appointments made to the E.B. will be conducted in accordance to the following regulations:
  - A) The Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief of Staff shall be nominated by the President.
  - B) The Speaker of the Senate shall be nominated by the Senate
  - C) The Secretary, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, and Speaker of the Senate shall be appointed by separate simple-majority votes in the Senate;
  - D) The President's primary nominees shall be voted upon in the second-to-last meeting of the Whole for the academic year, prior to the appointees' academic year of service.
  - E) In the event that primary appointments fail to pass the Senate vote, the President shall utilize the final meeting of the term to nominate another candidate(s).
- 3. At-large Senate seats, excluding the freshman class, Academic Senate seats, and International Seats seats will be decided after the Presidential election and before the end of the academic year, in the form of a general election.
- 4. Freshman and Residential Senate seats will be decided in accordance with the following:
  - A) Freshman Senators and Residential Senators shall be elected within the first four weeks of the new academic year.
  - B) Only students who do not reside on Augustana owned property during the academic year are eligible to run for the Commuter Student Senator position. The deciding of this position will be coordinated through the Dean of Students Office.
- 5. All remaining Senate seats not included above shall be decided by appointment, at a time deemed appropriate by those constituencies. The Student Government Association President shall encourage these constituencies to hold their elections as early as possible. If the seat is not filled within the first four weeks of the academic year the Senate can nominate a student in the constituency to hold the position. Should no nominations be filed by the Senate for these positions, the President will appoint an eligible student to the open seat.

**Section 10.** The Special Elections and Appointments will be ran in accordance with the following:

- 1. The following rules shall apply to special elections which shall be conducted in the event of recall, repeal, or referendum, as noted in the Student Government Association Constitution.
- 2. In any special election, all election procedures apply, including the special provisions listed below:



- A) In cases of recall proceedings against an Officer or Senator, the Election Committee shall provide a ballot containing a motion to recall and a "yes", "no", or "abstain" choice. A majority of yes/no votes cast shall determine the results of the election.
- B) In cases of repeal proceedings, the Election Committee shall provide a ballot containing the motion to repeal and a "yes" or "no" choice. A majority of votes cast shall determine the results of the election.
- C) In cases of referendum preceding, the Election Committee shall provide a ballot containing the motion to refer and a "yes" or "no" choice. A majority of votes cast shall determine the results of the election.
- D) The following rules shall apply to special elections that occur in the event that a given Senator's seat cannot be filled:
  - a) For At-Large and Divisional seats, the student who received the highest total of votes from the particular constituency in which the opening occurred, but did not win an office on Student Government Association during the regular general elections will be contacted and asked to serve as a Senator for the remainder of the term;
  - b) If there exists a tie for the next highest vote total, the members of Student Government Association shall vote to determine the student to be contacted about the opening,
  - c) Should the student decline the office, the next highest vote winner will be contacted until all possibilities in this manner have been exhausted,
  - d) For Student Life Seats, the President shall allocate an amount of time to that seat's relevant constitutive body to hold its own election(s) or appointment(s);
  - e) If no Senator is obtained through the initial processes, or if there did not exist any other students who sought election in the constituency in which the vacancy occurred, the following process shall take place:
    - i) The President shall inform the members of Student Government Association of the vacancy prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting,
    - ii) The members of Student Government Association shall then be given the opportunity to nominate a student from the appropriate constituency,
    - iii) The nomination must be accepted by the nominee prior to the election which shall take place at the next regularly scheduled Student Government Association meeting,
    - iv) The members of Student Government Association will then vote on the nominated students to elect a new Senator whose term shall begin at the next meeting following the election process;
    - v) This nominee shall be appointed by a simple-majority vote.

Section 11. Disciplinary actions for candidates violating election policy is as follows:

1. Prior to the administration of any and all appropriate sanctions, and on a case-by-case basis, the Election Committee will determine if a particular action constitutes an



infraction of election policy.

- 2. Candidates running for senator positions and found to be in violation of election policy will be disciplined in the following manner:
  - A) The first infraction will result in a formal warning administered by the Election Committee.
  - B) The second infraction will result in voidance of the candidate's ticket.
- 3. Candidates running for President and Vice-President and found to be in violation of election policy will be disciplined in the following manner:
  - A) The first infraction will result in a formal written warning administered by the Election Committee.
  - B) The second infraction will result in public notification, at the annual Presidential Debate, that election policy has been violated twice. Additionally, the speaking time allotted to violating candidates to present their opening statements will be limited to <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the standard time allotted to non-offending and first-time-offending candidates.
  - C) The third infraction will result in a hearing before the Student Policy Committee of Augustana College, chaired by the Dean of Students. The Committee will determine, by simple majority vote, what sanctions will be applied to the candidate, including consideration of ticket voidance.
  - D) Those candidates who remain on the ballot following three infractions and commit a fourth infraction, will immediately be invalidated as candidates and have their ticket voided, without exception.

## ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS AND REDRAFTING OF THE BYLAWS

**Section 1.** The Augustana College Student Government Association Bylaws can be amended by a simple majority vote in the Student Government Senate. The vote will follow the rules and regulations laid out in Augustana College Student Government Association Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section 2.** The procedures for finalizing amendments and managing the official master documents of the Association are as follows:

- 1. Following the passage of an amendment, physically changing language in the Augustana College Student Government Association's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as maintaining all official versions of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, is the responsibility of the Association's President.
  - A) Following the President's amending, the physical change in language to Association's Constitution or Bylaws must be approved by both the Association's Vice-President and the Speaker of the Senate.
  - B) Approval from the Vice-President and Speaker of the Senate finalizes the establishment of an updated, current master document, which will be maintained jointly by both the President and the Speaker of the Senate. Outdated master documents will be maintained by the President.
- 2. Any corrections to the Association's Constitution or Bylaws that do not concern content do not need to be passed by the Association's Student Senate.



- A) In order to finalize the physical form of any correction to the Association's Constitution or Bylaws that does not concern content, the change must be approved by the Association's Documents Committee. The Documents Committee is tasked with drafting language for the Association's official use, especially upon special request by either the Executive Board or Student Senate.
- B) Any correction to the Association's Constitution or Bylaws that does not concern content, and which gets approved by the Association's Documents Committee, must be announced to the Student Senate by the Documents Committee Chair during "committee reports" of the Association.
- C) All amendments, other than corrections, must be passed by the Student Senate according to the amendment rules and regulations spelled out in the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, respectively.



# **Academic Senator Positions**

The majors listed under each academic Senator position are the majors eligible for that category.

STEM	Social Sciences	Cultural Studies	Humanities
<ul> <li>Biochemistry</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>Environmental Studies</li> <li>Geography</li> <li>Geology</li> <li>Kinesiology</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Pre-Medicine</li> <li>Physics/Engineering</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Neuroscience</li> <li>Public Health</li> <li>Political Science</li> <li>Psychology</li> <li>Sociology &amp; Anthropology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Africana Studies</li> <li>Asian Studies</li> <li>French</li> <li>German</li> <li>Scandinavian Studies</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Women &amp; Gender Studies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Classics</li> <li>Communication Studies</li> <li>Creative Writing</li> <li>English</li> <li>History</li> <li>Multimedia Journalism &amp; Mass Communication</li> <li>Philosophy</li> <li>Religio</li> </ul>

CSD	Business	Fine Arts	Education	Graduate Studies
Communication, Science & Disorders	<ul> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Business</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>International Business</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Art</li> <li>Art History</li> <li>Graphic Design</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Theater</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elementary Education</li> <li>Music Education</li> <li>Secondary Education</li> </ul>	• Speech-Language Pathology

