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AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION
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- PURPOSE:** To amend the existing Constitution so that the Student Government Association may be able to act in a more efficient and representative manner to work for the betterment of all students in their academic and social endeavors.
- WHEREAS:** We as a student body must continually strive to seek out the best ways to unite as a group to reach our common interests, and
- WHEREAS:** By making the students' congress more representative by restructuring the constituencies which Congress members represent, we will gain new insights and more communication from the student body as a whole, because there will be greater accessibility to student representatives, and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the ever increasing demands of the position of Student Regent and to focus on the day to day needs of the students, there is a need to respond to these demands in a logical and realistic solution which will in the long run reap the greatest benefits for us all, and
- WHEREAS:** The best way to continue to bring consistency and create more efficiency to this position, and to better serve the student body it will be proposed that the President and Vice President in this new Constitution be elected together. In doing so, the Vice President of the student body will take on more responsibilities to be presented later in this bill, and

WHEREAS: These changes shall bring about a truly representative form of student governance which shall lead to a stronger student role in the decisions which will shape our University.

THEREFORE: We the Student Government Association, in an attempt to solidify the students of this University and to make student government a more efficient and reliable institution on this campus, do hereby accept the following Constitution, and call on the entire student populous to accept this and recommend to the University administration to approve the wishes of its students.

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ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE BRANCH**Section 3. Duties of Executive Officers****A. The President shall:**

1. Serve as the chief executive of the Student Government Association.
2. Be the official representative of the student body.
3. Enforce the provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws, and any enactments of the Student Government Association.
4. Report to Congress at least twice a month.
5. Establish special committees within Congress as need determines with approval of a majority vote of Congress.
6. Make Judicial Council appointments with the approval of a majority vote of Congress.
7. Submit names of students for appointments to University committees where students for representation are requested by the University.
8. Appoint such advisors as deemed necessary.
9. Appoint a member of Congress to represent the student body of this University at all Bowling Green City Council meetings.
10. Take office at least two weeks prior to the end of the academic year and assume all duties of the office of President except the position of Student Regent which shall be assumed on June 30.
11. Make executive decisions when Congress is not in session.
12. Serve as Chairman of the Executive Council, and call meetings of the Executive Council provided adequate notice has been given to the other officers.
13. Attend all Academic Council meetings as a voting member or send a representative.

14. Coordinate all activities pertaining to the well-being of the student body or the self-interest of the University as a whole, including policies outside the University or business pertaining to the role of Student Regent.
15. Establish set office hours of a minimum of twelve (12) hours per week during regular business hours and post them.
16. Be an ex-officio member of Congress.
17. Be a voting member of the Executive Council.

B. The Vice President shall:

1. Assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President except those of the Student Regent.
2. Preside over all Congress meetings.
3. Call special meetings of Congress provided twenty-four (24) hour notification is given.
4. Be responsible for coordinating with Judicial Council all campus-wide elections.
5. Coordinate all campus activities relating to the Student Government Association.
6. Appoint such advisors as deemed necessary.
7. Establish special committees within Congress as need determines with approval of a majority vote of Congress.
8. Establish set office hours of a minimum of twelve (12) hours per week during regular business hours.
9. Be a voting member of Congress, if and only if, it becomes necessary to break a tie vote.
10. Be a voting member of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**Section 3. Composition**

- A. The Congress shall be composed of the following:
1. Five (5) Academic Council representatives from each existing college at the University, and one alternates for each existing college who will be appointed by the President.
 2. Five (5) non-traditional student representatives.
 3. Twenty-four (24) representatives-at-large who are off-campus/commuter students to be apportioned in the following manner: eight (8) positions from each sophomore, junior, and senior class.
 4. Representatives from each residence hall on campus to be proportioned in the following manner: one (1) representative for any residence hall with less than 200 students, two (2) representatives for any residence hall with between 200-399 students, three (3) representatives for any residence hall with between 400-599 students, and four (4) representatives for any residence hall with 600 or more students.
 5. A Freshman Council made up of eight (8) freshman to coordinate programs and address the special needs of new students.

Section 5. Election Procedures

- A. All representatives, excluding the Freshman Council and the residence hall representatives, shall be elected at the same time as Executive Officers during campus-wide elections.
- B. The Freshman Council and residence hall representatives shall be elected by the second Tuesday in September.
- C. All dates mentioned above shall be determined by the Executive Council.
- D. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating with Judicial Council all campus-wide elections.

ARTICLE V. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. Coordinator of Committees

There shall be a Coordinator of Committees.

- A. The Coordinator of Committees shall:
 - 1. Be a member of Congress.
 - 2. Meet with committee heads biweekly to examine progress of the standing committees within Congress.
 - 3. Coordinate all lobbying efforts of passed legislation.
 - 4. Report biweekly to the Executive Council.
- B. The Coordinator of Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Council with approval of a majority vote of Congress.