

**LINN STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

Preamble

We, the students of Linn State Technical College, in recognition of the responsibility we hold regarding student life and affairs, hereby form the Student Government Association of Linn State Technical College. Through this organization we shall endeavor to represent the Student Body in all facets of college life and promote a close relationship among the administration, faculty, and student body for the general welfare of the college. With this ideal, we do hereby authorize and establish this constitution of the Student Government Association of Linn State Technical College.

Article I: Student Government Association

- Section 1.** Each program enrolled at Linn State Technical College will have representatives on the Student Government Association.
- Section 2.** Each student representative will have one vote in all general elections.

Article II: Student Government

- Section 1.** The Student Government Association has the authority to act on behalf of the students.
- Section 2.** The Student Government Association will be composed of one (1) primary and one (1) alternate representative from each program.
- Section 3.** Requirements for Student Government Association Membership will be the following:
- A.** Each representative must be currently enrolled as a full time student Linn State Technical College.
 - B.** Members must attend regularly scheduled meetings and have his or her name added to the membership role.
 - C.** Each program will have one permanent representative and representative that can be interchanged with other members of that respective class.
- Section 4.** Duties of the Student Government Association will include:
- A.** Serve as the student body unified voice by drafting resolutions which will express the opinion of the Student Government Assc.

- B. **Make regulations regarding student conduct and dress appropriate for school activities**
- C. **Conduct and preside at all elections open to the Student Government Association.**
- D. **Provide input for student activity funds.**
- E. **Provide input for student activities.**

Section 5. Meetings:

- A. **The Student Government Association will meet on a regularly scheduled basis.**

Article IV: Student Government Association Officers

Section 1. Requirements for the SGA Officers shall be the following:

- A. **Each officer shall be a full-time student for one full semester and a portion of another semester and maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.**

Section 2. Duties of the Student Government Officers shall include:

- A. **President:**
 - 1. **Preside at all meetings and assemblies.**
 - 2. **Establish any necessary committees.**
 - 3. **Summon special meetings of the Student Senate or any of its committees.**
 - 4. **Vote in case of a tie.**
 - 5. **Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.**
 - 6. **Present matters to the Senate.**
 - 7. **Appoint, with Senate approval, representatives to fill vacancies among the officers of the Executive Board.**
 - 8. **Appoint, with Senate approval, representatives to Student-faculty-administration committees.**
 - 9. **Serve as the student representative to the Board of Education and Advisory Council.**
 - 10. **Make arrangements, with Senate approval, for all activities of the Student Government Association.**
- B. **Vice-President:**

1. Perform all duties of the President in the event of his/her absence.
 2. Assume all duties of the President in the event of his/her resignation.
 3. Take roll call at all Student Government Association meetings.
 4. Coordinate all committees.
 5. Notify members when they have two (2) unexcused absences.
- C. Treasurer:
1. Keep an account of all Student Government Association funds.
 2. Make a monthly treasurer's report to the Student Government Association.
 3. Serve as chairman on the Budget Committees.
- D. Secretary:
1. Record the minutes of the Student Government Association Meetings.
 2. Be responsible for Student Government Association correspondence.
 3. Maintain Student Government Association files.
- E. Parliamentarian:
1. Maintains proper parliamentarian procedures.
 2. Keeps order in all Student Government Association meetings.
 3. Serve as the Sergeant at Arms.
- F. Intramural Director:
1. Plan, organize and supervise all intramural activities with the Student Activities Director.
 2. Work with faculty sponsors of each intramural activity.
 3. Inform students of all student activities with the use of bulletin boards, posters, daily bulletin, and club meetings.
 4. Help to get all Linn State Technical College students to participate in activities.

Article V: Scholarships

- Section 1. SGA Officers, upon satisfactory completion of term of office, will receive a leadership scholarship (to be credited to your student account) in the following amounts:**

President	500.00
Vice-President	300.00
Secretary	300.00
Treasurer	300.00
Parliamentarian	300.00
Intramural Director	500.00

Article VI: Sponsor

- Section 1.** The Sponsor of the Student Government Association shall be appointed by the College Administration.
- Section 2.** The Sponsor shall be expected to attend all official meetings of the Student Government Association.
- Section 3.** The Sponsors shall have the followings functions:
- A.** To act as a source of information for the Student Government Association on college policies and procedures.
 - B.** To serve as a liaison between the Student Government Association, its official committees; and administrative and faculty units of the college.
 - C.** To support the Student Government Association operation and provide advice on problems and processes.

Article VII: Removal of Student Gov. Assoc. Officers and Representatives

- Section 1.** The Student Government Association shall have the power to institute Removal (including full scholarship termination) proceedings against any representative or Student Government Officer. Any of the following
- Constitute automatic expulsion:
- A.** Disciplinary Probation.
 - B.** Non-maintenance of acceptable academic progress 2.0 GPA For representatives; 3.0 GPA for Student Government Officer.
 - C.** Three (3) unexcused absences from a regularly scheduled Student Government Association meeting during a semester.
- Section 2.** Failure to carry out constitutional duties constitutes grounds for removal. In such cases the proceedings shall be as follows:

- A. A chairperson chosen by the Student Government Association will preside over any removal proceedings brought against representative or Student Government Officer.
- B. No Student Government Association officer or representative shall be removed without the Concurrence of a 2/3 majority of the Student Government Association.

Section 3. Members of the Student Government Association, may be petition, request removal proceedings be brought against any Student Government Officer as follows:

- A. The petition must contain student signatures and identification numbers of thirty-five (35) percent of the number of students voting in the last election.
- B. Petition must be acted on at the next meeting of the Student Government Association in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2, of this constitution.

Section 4. Student Government Association representatives may be removed by a fifty-one (51) percent majority vote of their respective class section.

Article VII: Election of SGA Officers

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held in March.

Section 2. The candidates for officers shall complete an application form and must meet all requirements.

Section 3. The candidates for SGA Officers shall be elected as follows:

- A. By vote of all Linn State Technical College Students, the applicant for each office receiving the most votes shall be newly elected officer except intramural director.
- B. In the event of a tie, the Student Government Association shall set a date for the run-off election, for the office.
- C. Intramural director applicants will appointed by the Student Activity Director and SGA Sponsor.

Section 4. SGA officers shall assume office on the date of their installation to office. That date will be set annually.

Article VIII: By-Law

Section 1. By-laws shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the entire Student Government Association.

Section 2. By-laws shall cover pertinent topics including interpretation of the constitution.

Section 3. All permanent records of all by-laws shall be kept on file by the secretary.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments are defined as items, which directly or indirectly affect either the intent of the scope of the article within the main body of the Constitution.

Section 2. Amendments may be initiated by any organization, committee, or any student at the college.

Section 3. This Constitution may be amended by the following procedures:

- A.** An affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the voting Student Government Association.
- B.** By the rules of Article X, Referendum.
- C.** In the Amendment carries, it shall be put into effect immediately.

Article X: Referendum

Section 1. Any organization, committee, or individual at the college shall have the right to petition for a ballot on any act of the Student Government Association. Said ballot shall be acted upon within ten (10) days from the date of the petition. It must contain the signatures and student identification numbers of students voting in the last Student Government officer's election.

Section 2. The Student Government Association shall arrange a special election for the purpose of the referendum within ten (10) school days after the petition has been presented to the Student Government Association.

Section 3. A simple majority of the students who vote may void or affirm the referendum.

Section 4. In the event of an affirmative vote on the referendum, the action called for will be effective immediately.

Article XI: Ratification

Section 1. This constitution will go into effect when approved by a simple majority of ballots cast in a General Election of the Student Government Association.