

**The Constitution that was Adopted in a
Referendum of the Kansas Wesleyan
Student Body**

PREAMBLE

We the Students of Kansas Wesleyan University, acting with the responsibility entrusted to us by the Board of Trustees of this University, in order to form an effective Student Government Association (SGA), recognizing the need for self-determination, self-reliance, independence of thought and action, and civic leadership development as intrinsic parts of the Liberal Arts Education experience, and wishing to secure the rights and fulfill the responsibilities herein described to ourselves and all ensuing student bodies of this university, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the governance of the Student Body at Kansas Wesleyan University.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. All legislative powers described or inferred by this Constitution shall be reserved to and vested in the Student Senate.

Section 2. Those able to be members of the Student Senate (Senate) shall be composed of representatives from the various Clubs, Athletic Department, Residence Halls (Halls), the four Academic Classes (Classes), Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior, the Graduate (MBA) students, and any other group involving or affecting students at Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) who collectively wish to be involved in SGA, provided that same group is primarily composed of KWU Students.

Section 3. Representatives shall be chosen from the groups named above according to and in compliance with the following formulae:

1. Organizations recognized by the Senate shall choose one (1) Senator from among their members to be their representative and to participate in the Senate.
2. The Classes shall choose in the general election set forth in the SGA By-Laws from among their members who qualify based upon college credit hours completed as members of the respective classes one (1) Senator, to be their representative and participate in the Senate.
3. The Athletic Department shall choose from among their members two (2) Senators, one male and one female, to be their representatives and participate in the Senate.
4. One resident from any residence hall or on-campus house/apartment can be the on-campus housing representative and participate in the Senate.
5. Those undergraduate students who live off-campus may choose from among their number, one (1) Senator to be their representative and to participate in the Senate.
6. Those graduate (MBA) students who live on or off-campus may choose from among their number, one (1) Senator to be their representative and to participate in the Senate.
7. In recognition of the importance of the Faculty and Administration of KWU in supporting and empowering the Student Government in fulfilling

its mission, they shall have as their privilege two (2) non-voting seats in the Senate reserved for the representatives of their choice. One representative shall be chosen from the Faculty, the other shall be chosen from the Administration from among those who shall express an interest. These representatives shall be chosen through measures which the Senate shall enumerate.

8. Unless otherwise stipulated, all representatives hereinbefore described shall be chosen from among those Students at KWU who are in good academic standing as set forth by the Registrar of this University.

Section 4. The Senate shall have all powers and duties herein set forth:

1. To control the distribution of its revenues by bringing forth budget requests to the Senate to be approved by a majority vote and executive committee.
2. A budget covering the annually recurring financial obligations of the SGA and such other further amount as the Senate shall propose will be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Said budget shall be presented to the Senate at the first meeting of each academic year.
3. To work with the Business Office of KWU to levy and collect an itemized "Student Government Association Allocation," each year for the purpose of generating revenue for the SGA.
4. To review and ethically use the budget set forth by the Vice President of Student Affairs wisely.
5. To make provisions for the general elections set forth in Article 4, Section 1 provided they do not contradict those provisions specified in the same Article and Section.
6. To ensure the right to vote to all students enrolled at KWU in general elections.
7. To regulate the intercourse between the various groups comprising SGA provided that such intrusions in the affairs of these groups are necessary, reasonable, and unavoidable.
8. To facilitate positive interaction between the Students of KWU and the Administration, Faculty, and Staff of KWU as the students' official elected governing body. The Senate may act as advocate for any individual student or group of students in the event of a dispute among students or between the students and any KWU faculty, administration, or staff member.
9. To approve all SGA Executive appointments and legislation by a majority vote.
10. To admit new member groups into the Senate through measures which it shall enumerate.
11. Only designated SGA representatives have the right to vote at SGA meetings.
12. To make any law, rule, or ordinance both necessary and proper to execute the foregoing powers or facilitate the execution thereof.

Section 5. The Senate shall designate a meeting day for each month of the academic year, to be emailed out to the entire KWU student body, faculty, administration, and staff members. All Senators shall be required to attend the first meeting of the Senate and the Executive branch shall be responsible for scheduling the first meeting with enough advance warning that all Senators will be able to attend. The Senate shall meet at least once a month during an academic year at such day and time as it shall determine, excluding weeks where the designated meeting day is not a regular class day.

Section 6. Any Student selected by his or her constituency to be their Senator shall be subject to the attendance policy of this Senate.

1. All Senators shall be required to be present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate.
2. Any Senator may be excused from attendance in the case of a personal, family, or medical emergency or if participating in a University sponsored event.
3. For Senators: if two meetings are missed that senator is contacted, the club president, and the club advisor will also be contacted. This is to notify that club that their recognition as a Student Government Club is in jeopardy. Another person can be sent from the club to rectify the absences. If the third absence occurs then the club will be removed from the S.G.A. roster and the money allotted to that club will be put into the discretionary fund. In the case of the On-Campus representative, the representative will be contacted and their respective Resident Director of their hall. In the case of other non-traditional organizations; athletic representatives, non-traditional, the Resident Director where they live will be contacted. If representatives are dismissed they can be replaced by anyone willing to. If no one can replace the representative, or more then one person wants the position then S.G.A will vote on someone to replace the position.

For Executive Officers: if one meeting is missed that officer is contacted that their office position is in jeopardy of being lost. If the second absence occurs then that officer will be impeached, and the next person in-line will take over the position. If the next person in-line is unable to take the position then a vote will be taken to fill the position.

Section 7. Robert's Rules of order will be followed at all SGA meetings with the discretion of the Executive Committee, as they shall see fit.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. All executive powers described or inferred by this Constitution shall be reserved to and vested in the Executive Branch and the Officers thereof; such officers to be chosen in the general election set forth in Article 4, Section 1.

Section 2. The Executive Branch shall consist of the following Offices, and the Officers elected to fill these positions shall be non-voting members of the Senate.

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

Those persons elected to fulfill the Offices enumerated above shall have completed at least two (2) consecutive semesters of full-time academic work at KWU as defined by the Registrar of this University and have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Section 3. The Office of President shall carry with it the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To approve all legislation passed by the Senate or veto the same. Said veto may be overturned and the legislation become binding upon a vote by two-thirds of the Senate approving the legislation.
2. To fulfill through either personal attendance or appointment all Student representative positions available to the Students of KWU on the various University Committees and those available on the Local, State, and National levels. Appointees shall be responsible from time to time to report on their appointments to the Senate.
3. To convene the Senate in the case of emergency where and when the President shall determine necessary and reasonable.
4. To make such Executive Order as is not inconsistent with principles and purposes of this Constitution; such Order to be subject to the recall of the Senate by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Office of Vice-President shall carry with it the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To fulfill the Office of President in the event the President is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable to fulfill his or her office and to assist both the President and the Treasurer in the execution of their Offices.
2. To oversee the execution of all legislation properly passed by the SGA.

Section 5. The Office of Treasurer shall carry with it the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To approve the budget given by the Vice President of Student Affairs and to account for/update the club allocations and discretionary funds as they pertain to existing revenues of SGA.
2. To advise the President and the Senate in all financial matters before SGA.
3. To fulfill the Office of Vice-President in the event that Officer is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable to fulfill his or her Office.
4. To execute all appropriations as voted on by the Senate, guidelines for which are set forth in Article 1, Section 4, Subsection 9 and Article 2, Section 3, Subsection 1, granted there is approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. If all 4 Executive Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) are absent reschedule the meeting.

Section 7. Impeachment of Executive Officers:

1. If an executive officer is to be removed from office, the senate must give the office reason for their removal. The officer is removed from the office by a two-third majority vote. After an officer is impeached the next person in-line takes over the office. If the next person in-line is unable to take the position then a vote will be taken to fill the position.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The Student Conduct Board, as set forth in the Faculty Handbook of KWU, shall serve as the main Judicial Board of SGA.

Section 2. The President shall be responsible for filling the committee seats through appointment as set forth in Article 2, Section 3, Subsection 2.

Section 3. The Senate may create such other judicial committees from among its members as shall from time to time be necessary.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The term of each Office referencing shall be one (1) year for the Offices elected in the spring, beginning and consisting of the calendar months of May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May of the next year. The winner of each contested Office or Representative position shall be the candidate with a plurality of the popular vote, excluding the CAB Chair which will be appointed by the CAB Faculty representative and others as outlined in Article V, Section 4.

Section 2. If not otherwise stated by the Senate, the General Election shall be held no later than the last week of January, or the week of the first SGA meeting of the second semester, whichever is earlier. All Officers elected at that time shall start their shadowing of the current officers until the last SGA meeting of the semester, where they will be inducted and assume their roles.

Section 3. All other provisions for the general election are to be made by the Senate as set forth in Article 1, Section 4, Subsection 5.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. All activities offered by SGA shall be coordinated, led, and administered through the Coyote Activities Board (CAB).

Section 2. The CAB shall be composed of students and administrators who are primarily concerned with offering activities that meet the educational, recreational, and social interests of the Kansas Wesleyan University community and shall be subordinate division of both the Senate and the Student Life Office.

Section 3. The CAB will be responsible for their own budget and allocation of funds.

Section 4. The CAB Chair shall be a voting member of the Senate and appointed by a collaboration between SGA and CAB administration and the Vice President of Student Affairs, by the end of the spring general elections.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Students of KWU, through campus petition and proposal in the Senate, through the following process may amend this Constitution, provided the proposed Amendment does not contradict the principles and purposes set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution:

1. Three fourths (3/4) of the Senate approve a proposed Amendment, or
2. Ratification by referendum in which at least one-third of the student body shall vote and two-thirds of those voting shall approve.