Student Association Bylaws
Revised Fall 2013

The Student Association of the State University of New York College at Oswego Bylaws
are intended to provide definition and description to the structure and policies of
governance. These Bylaws shall be divided into Sections, Parts, Paragraphs and
Subsections.

Section One – Administrative Bylaws

I. Civil Officers of the Student Association
   A. Civil Officers of the Student Association shall be:
      i. President of the Student Association
      ii. Vice President of the Student Association
      iii. Senators of the Student Association Senate
      iv. Justices of the Supreme Court
      v. Directors, Chairpersons and members of the various departments
         and committees of the Student Association Executive and Judicial Branches.

II. Presidential Appointments
   A. Consent to Presidential appointments shall be a two-thirds vote, in the
      affirmative, of the Senators present.
   B. Presidential appointments shall take place prior to the 30th class day of the
      fall semester, unless no qualified candidate has applied for the position
      beforehand.

Section Two–Senate Bylaws

I. Legislative Session
   A. The legislative session shall be one year in length, and shall begin on the
      first day of May, and shall end on the last day of April of the following
      year.

II. Parliamentary Procedure
   A. Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the basis for Parliamentary procedure in
      the Student Association Senate.
   B. Quorum shall be defined as 50%, plus one, of the total number of Senate
      seats filled. Quorum shall never be less than twelve.
   C. Speaking seats in the Student Association Senate shall be awarded to:
      i. President of the Student Association
      ii. Student Association Director of Finance
      iii. A representative of the Office of the Dean of Students
      iv. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
      v. Those holding the title of “Emeritus”.

III. Apportionment for On-Campus, Off-Campus, and At-Large Constituencies
   A. For every 200 on-campus residents in a residence hall, one Senate seat shall be apportioned.
   B. For every 270 off-campus residents, one Senate seat shall be apportioned.
   C. For every 500 enrolled students, one At-Large Senate seat shall be apportioned.

IV. Faculty Assembly Representatives
   A. Up to three Faculty Representatives shall be chosen by the Faculty Assembly in a manner that is consistent with their policy.

V. Referenda
   A. In order for the Student Association Senate to submit a bill for consideration by referendum, a motion must be made to “Submit to the Electorate for a Decision” the bill in question, with a majority of the Senators present in support of the motion.
   B. Referenda submitted by a petition of the electorate, in accordance with Article VI, Section IV, Part D of the Student Association Constitution, shall not require the approval of the Student Association Senate.

VI. Resolutions
   A. Any Resolutions passed by the Student Association Senate shall not represent the entire Student Association, but shall only reflect the opinion of the Student Association Senate.
   B. Resolutions are not considered bills under Article VI, Section V, part A of the Student Association Constitution, and do not require approval by the Student Association President.

VII. Student Association Senate Veto Procedure
   A. The Vice President shall promptly notify the Senate that legislation has been vetoed.
   B. The Vice President should place vetoed legislation on the agenda under General Orders following pending legislation for the first Senate meeting following the date of the veto.
   C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make a motion to overturn a Presidential veto.
   D. The President of the Senate will state the following question when taking a vote to overturn a veto:
      1. “All those in favour of overturning a veto?”
      2. “All those opposed to overturning a veto?”
      3. “All those abstentions in overturning a veto?”
   E. Two-thirds of the total Senate members present will be needed to overturn a veto.
Section Three – Financial Bylaws

I. Maximum Budget Increase
   A. The maximum budget increase per-year is limited to 5.6%, to be comprised of both fee and non-fee revenue.

Section Four – Amending the Bylaws

I. Procedure for Amending the Bylaws
   A. A motion to amend the bylaws shall be referred for a period of one week.
   B. The Student Association Vice President shall notify all Senators of the bylaw amendment and its placement on the agenda. Examples of notification may include but are not limited to:
      1. Email, with a reply from the Senator confirming they received the notice
      2. Notification via telephone. Notification via telephone does not include a voice mail, or answering machine message. The Vice President must speak individually with the Senator.
   C. After referral for one week, the Vice President will place the amendment on the agenda under General Orders.
   D. To pass the amendment, a two-thirds vote of all Senators present is required.
   E. All amendments to the Bylaws shall be subject to interpretation as bills under the provision of Article VI, Section IV, Part A, Para. 6 of the Student Association Constitution.