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## PREAMBLE

We, the Undergraduate Students of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, in order to form an inclusive representative student government, guided by the Lasallian Core Values of Faith, Zeal for Service, and Communion in Mission, assert our inherent right to student representation in university and academic affairs, preserve, protect and defend our inalienable student rights, encourage excellence in all areas of student life, provide for the fulfillment of common aspirations, promote the general welfare, embrace diversity of ideas to be indispensable to democracy and governance, hold in high regard the privilege of leadership, and the duties and obligations required of it, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and students next, in Saint John Baptist De La Salle, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **SECTION 1**

The style of this student government shall be the University Student Government of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas.

#### **SECTION 5**

The Program Council shall represent the program student body in all program or departmental level matters and deliberations.

#### **SECTION 2**

The Constitution of the University Student Government shall govern the University Student Government, College Student Governments, and Program Councils.

#### **SECTION 3**

The University Student Government shall represent all bona fide students of this university in all institutional student-related matters and deliberations and academic decision-making process.

#### **SECTION 4**

The College Student Government shall represent the college student body in all collegiate level matters and deliberations.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES**

#### **SECTION 1**

The University Student Government is a federal representative democratic autonomous student government. All political power is inherent in the students and all student government authority emanates from them.

#### **SECTION 2**

As a federal student government, the powers not delegated to the University Student Government by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the College Student Governments and Program Councils, are reserved to the College Student Governments and Program Councils respectively, or to the students.

As a representative student government, internal school regulations and administrative acts which concern the students on matters of welfare, justice, liberty, and rights shall be subject to their consent through their duly elected representatives unless otherwise provided by the laws and jurisprudence of the Republic of the Philippines.

As a democratic student government, the will of the students shall be recognized through the exercise of suffrage in free elections.

As an autonomous student government, the University Student Government shall enjoy political autonomy, administrative autonomy, and fiscal autonomy, guided by the provisions in the Student Handbook and other related regulations and guidelines.

#### **SECTION 3**

The University Student Government adopts the generally accepted principles of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas as part of the policy of the student government.

#### **SECTION 4**

The University Student Government adheres to the policy of cooperation and amity with all schools, colleges, universities, and student organizations.

#### **SECTION 5**

The prime duty of the University Student Government is to serve the students. It shall ensure the preservation, protection, and defense of their basic inalienable student rights in accordance with the Constitution of the University Student Government, the Student Handbook, and the Hierarchy of Laws in the Republic of the Philippines.

## **SECTION 6**

The University Student Government believes that all decisions and judgments shall be deliberated, rendered, and served in a democratic and civil manner. The will of the majority shall always prevail without infringing on the right of the minority.

## **SECTION 7**

The University Student Government recognizes that diversity of ideas is indispensable to democracy and effective governance.

## **SECTION 8**

The University Student Government believes that collaboration with the administration, faculty, and support staff is essential for the achievement of common goals for the development of the student body and the progress of the community.

## **SECTION 9**

The University Student Government shall advance the rights and welfare of the students to develop their individual potentials.

## **SECTION 10**

The University Student Government believes that academic freedom is necessary for a nationalist, scientific, and mass-oriented education, and

for the development of every student as a total person.

## **SECTION 11**

The University Student Government believes that all student leaders shall remain faithful to the office they are privileged to serve on and shall not in any occasion allow partisan interests to prevail over the duties and functions of the office incumbent upon them.

## **SECTION 12**

The University Student Government adheres to the legal doctrine of in loco parentis. The university, its administrators, and members of the faculty shall have special parental supervision and responsibility for students while under their instruction or custody.

## **SECTION 13**

The University Student Government shall protect the autonomy of all recognized student governments, councils, organizations, and groups existing within the university.

## **SECTION 14**

The University Student Government shall encourage the involvement of the students in university, public, and civic affairs.

### **SECTION 15**

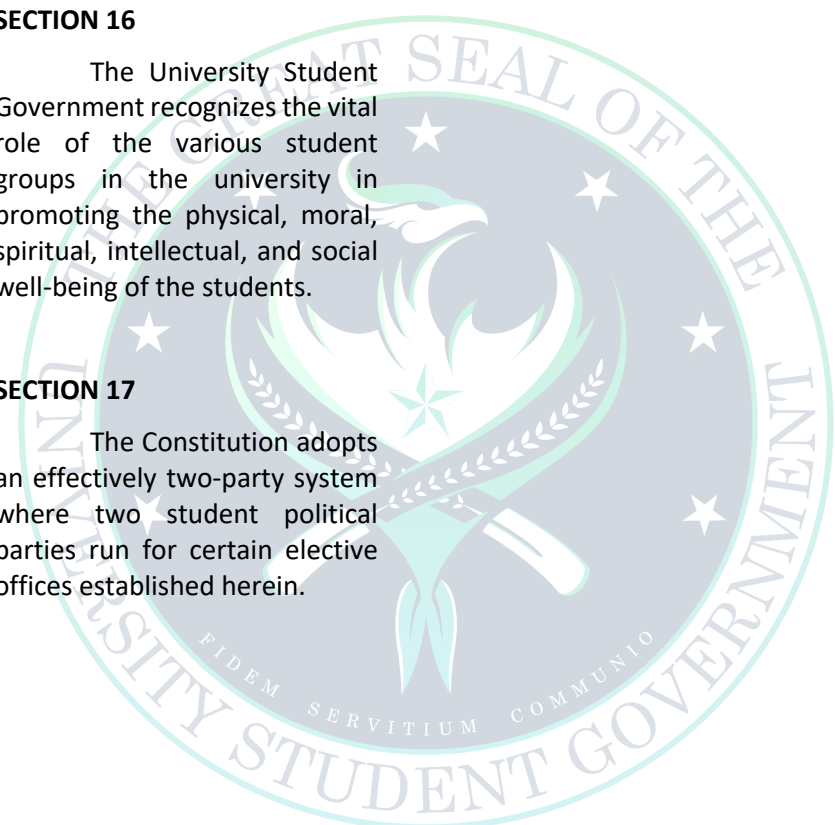
The University Student Government adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all transactions involving student interest subject to the reasonable conditions prescribed by law and regulations in the university.

### **SECTION 16**

The University Student Government recognizes the vital role of the various student groups in the university in promoting the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the students.

### **SECTION 17**

The Constitution adopts an effectively two-party system where two student political parties run for certain elective offices established herein.



**ARTICLE III**

**BILL OF RIGHTS**

**SECTION 1**

No student shall be deprived of life, liberty, or justice, nor charged with disciplinary sanctions without due process.

**SECTION 2**

No student shall be restricted to pursue knowledge through related academic learning experiences.

**SECTION 3**

No student shall be denied quality education of the highest standards by reason of poverty, creed, culture, or race.

**SECTION 4**

No student shall be prohibited to take any form of examination on basis of existing delinquent accounts or outstanding financial obligations to the university.

**SECTION 5**

No student shall be restrained to participate in all university or college deliberations on matters of policy which may affect the individual student or the student body in general.

**SECTION 6**

The right of every student to be provided with a syllabus for every academic course he shall have enrolled in for a semester shall not be delayed.

**SECTION 7**

No student shall be hindered to see his duly corrected examination papers without prejudice to Section Four of this Article.

**SECTION 8**

No student shall be declined to be informed of his class standing, or of the state of his grades, and to freely contest the same if there may be any kind of discrepancy therein without prejudice to Section Four of this Article.

**SECTION 9**

The right of every student to speech; or the right of the students peaceably to assemble, demonstrate, protest, and to petition the student government and school authorities for a redress of grievances against any member of the university, rule, or regulation shall not be abridged: provided that the manner of expressing them shall be

responsible and conform to civility.

been used as basis for policy formulation.

#### **SECTION 10**

No student shall be discriminated on account of race, color, gender, culture, social origin or condition, or political or religious ideas.

#### **SECTION 15**

The right of students to evaluate the performance of their professors, or to be given proper consultation by the same, shall not be curtailed.

#### **SECTION 11**

The responsible exercise of the right of student publications to freedom of the press shall not be infringed, without fear of reprisal, persecution, or punitive action by authorities.

#### **SECTION 16**

Excessive compulsory or involuntary contributions shall not be required, nor excessive tuition fee increase imposed without due notice and extensive consultation with the student body and parents.

#### **SECTION 12**

The rights of students to mount and circulate specific literature around the university shall not be impaired, subject to the limitations imposed by the institution.

#### **SECTION 17**

No student shall be denied the right to a refund on pertinent tuition and other school fees due to withdrawal, leave of absence, dropping of courses, or excess payment, subject to the conditions, regulations, and guidelines provided therefor in the Student Handbook.

#### **SECTION 13**

No student shall be forbidden to form or join student organizations: provided that the purposes of which are not contrary to the law.

#### **SECTION 18**

The right of students to be secure in their persons, papers, correspondence, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.

#### **SECTION 14**

No student shall be denied full access to information on matters of student concerns, nor shall the right of any student be impaired to evaluate all relevant data which shall have



#### **SECTION 19**

The right of students to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the University Student Government or by the Administration.

#### **SECTION 20**

No student shall be denied equal access to adequate and safe properties, facilities, and equipment.

#### **SECTION 21**

In all disciplinary proceedings, every student shall enjoy the right to a speedy and fair trial, by an impartial jury of the university, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

#### **SECTION 22**

No student shall be subject to any form of inhumane, degrading, and humiliating treatment and penalty, and be protected against any penalty not provided for in the Student Handbook.

#### **SECTION 23**

No student shall be compelled to render involuntary servitude, nor shall any student

be obliged to pay excessive fines as reparation for an injury or offense he may have or shall have caused or committed.

#### **SECTION 24**

The right of the student body to be represented in the Academic Council and all permanent institutional councils, or special committees convened by any sector of the university, shall not be denied.

#### **SECTION 25**

The right of every student to invoke all other rights as guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of the Philippines shall not be denied.

#### **SECTION 26**

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage other rights retained by the students.



## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

#### **SECTION 1**

The executive power shall be vested in the President of the University Student Government.

candidates for president from all colleges shall be listed on a single primary ballot. The top two candidates, as determined by the votes cast at large, shall advance to the general election. Each student voter shall have two votes in the primary election.

#### **SECTION 2**

No student shall be eligible to run for the Office of President, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been at least one year on the day of the primary election a resident of the university; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately preceding the primary election; been not found guilty of any major offense; been enrolled at the university as an undergraduate student for at least one full academic year after the primary election.

#### **SECTION 5**

An official candidate for president for the general election shall select his candidate for vice president only from among the students who shall have contended for president in the primary election.

#### **SECTION 6**

The primary election shall be held every first semester of the academic year, on the first Monday in December, and the general election every second semester of the same academic year, beginning on the second Monday in May until the date as may be determined by the University Student Election Commission.

#### **SECTION 3**

There shall be a Vice President who shall have the same qualifications and term of office as the President.

#### **SECTION 7**

The President and Vice President shall be elected jointly at the general election by a majority of votes cast by bona fide undergraduate students of the university for one academic year which shall begin at noon of the First of July next following the conclusion of the general

#### **SECTION 4**

Each college shall nominate one student for president therefrom. All

election and shall end at noon of the same date one year thereafter.

#### **SECTION 8**

If no presidential ticket shall have received a majority of votes cast at the general election, or both presidential tickets shall have received equal number of votes, the Congress shall constitute itself as an Electoral College. The House of Representatives shall choose the President from the two official candidates for president for the general election, and a majority of all its members shall be necessary to a choice. The Senate shall choose the Vice President from the two official candidates for vice president for the general election, and a majority of all its members shall be necessary to a choice.

The Electoral College shall choose the President and Vice President within fifteen calendar days immediately after the conclusion of the general election.

#### **SECTION 9**

No student shall be elected to the Office of the President more than once, and no student who has held the Office of President, or acted as President, for more than six months of a term to which some other student was elected President shall be elected to the Office of President more than once.

#### **SECTION 10**

No President-Elect or Vice President-Elect shall be qualified to assume office if he shall have failed in more than three units of the total academic units enrolled for the semester immediately before his term of office shall have begun, been found guilty of committing any major offense, or failed to enroll for the first semester of his term of office.

#### **SECTION 11**

Before he enters on the execution of his office, the President shall take the following oath: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the University Student Government, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the University Student Government.”

#### **SECTION 12**

Before he enters on the execution of his office, the Vice President shall take the following oath: “I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the University Student Government against all adversaries, external and internal, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Vice

President of the University Student Government.”

The Senate shall hold confirmation hearings for all nominations which shall be made by the President.

### **SECTION 13**

The President shall enforce the Constitution and all Acts of Congress. He shall ensure that the laws be faithfully executed.

### **SECTION 14**

The President may issue executive orders, proclamations, determinations, administrative orders, and other directives necessary for the fulfillment of the noble objectives of the University Student Government and the proper management of the Executive Department and of the Office of President, and the foregoing shall have a force of law and the same shall continue to be in force and effect until the High Court shall have declared them invalid or inconsistent with the Constitution.

### **SECTION 15**

The President shall nominate, and upon the consent of the Senate, shall appoint Members of the Cabinet, Justices of the High Court, Members of the Constitutional Commissions, and all other student officers of the University Student Government, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Acts of Congress or Executive Orders.

### **SECTION 16**

The President shall once every semester give to the Congress information of the State of the University and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.

### **SECTION 17**

The President may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses of Congress, or either of them, and in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper.

### **SECTION 18**

The President shall have the power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.

### **SECTION 19**

The President shall exercise general supervision over college student governments and program councils.

## **SECTION 20**

The President shall represent the student body in the Academic Council and all permanent institutional councils, or special committees convened by any sector of the university.

the Executive Department. All Members of the Cabinet shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The President may remove a Member of the Cabinet at will without the consent of the Senate.

## **SECTION 24**

## **SECTION 21**

The President shall represent the University Student Government and the students of the university on occasions where they require representation.

No student shall be appointed to the Cabinet, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been at least one year on the day of the nomination a resident of the university; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately prior to nomination; been not found guilty of any major offense; been enrolled at the university as an undergraduate student for at least one full academic year after the confirmation.

## **SECTION 22**

The President shall sign all correspondence, project proposals, requests, forms, and all other official documents by and from the University Student Government.

## **SECTION 23**

There shall be a Cabinet of the President which shall be composed of an Attorney General, a Secretary of the Treasury, a Secretary of the Interior, a Secretary of Business Affairs, a Secretary of Outreach and Initiatives, a Secretary of Sports and Recreation, and such other members as may be created by Acts of Congress or Executive Orders.

The Members of the Cabinet shall serve as principal advisors to the President on matters of governance, administration, and operation of

## **SECTION 25**

Each Member of the Cabinet shall, before he enters on the execution of his office, take the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the University Student Government against all adversaries, external and internal, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge

the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.”

#### **SECTION 26**

The Attorney General shall represent the University Student Government in legal matters generally and in all matters which concern the welfare, justice, liberty, and rights of the students, furnish advice and opinions, formal and informal, on legal matters to the President and to the Heads of the Executive Departments of the University Student Government; appear in person to represent the University Student Government in the High Court in which he may deem it appropriate.

#### **SECTION 27**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue; administer the University Student Government Treasury, prepare and execute the budget of the Executive Department for each semester by the authority of the President; superintend the collection and receipt of revenue, payments, requisitions, and the liquidation of transactions; render to the President within seventy-two hours a financial report on the revenue and expenditures of every event after the conclusion thereof; to make report, and give information to Congress, in person or in writing, as he may

be required, respecting all matters referred to him by the same, or which shall concern his office; and generally to perform all such services relative to the finances, as he shall be directed to perform.

#### **SECTION 28**

The Secretary of the Interior shall serve as the Liaison of the University Student Government with all the College Student Governments, Program Councils, Class Councils, Council of Student Organizations and all Recognized Student Organizations under the same, Performing Arts Group, International Students' Association, Auxiliary Student Groups, and all other student organizations in the university; and administer general supervision over College Student Governments and Program Councils by the authority of the President.

#### **SECTION 29**

The Secretary of Business Affairs shall exercise the authority to solicit sponsorships from internal and external entities, and to interpret and negotiate the terms and conditions thereof and shall report the same to the President; oversee all purchases of the Executive Department and shall direct the procurement procedure of such purchases; prepare and execute business proposals for, which shall include but not limited to,



fundraisers and income-generating projects and activities, as he may be directed, and shall submit the same to all offices concerned therewith; and review all project proposals by the Executive Department and transmit the same to the proper authorities concerned therewith.

### **SECTION 30**

The Secretary of Outreach and Initiatives shall promote the general welfare of the poor, the underprivileged, senior citizens, the sick, the children, and students with special needs; advocate for mental health; organize and carry out approved charity work and related programs in coordination with the Lasallian Community Development Center; advise the President on matters of student health and welfare, student services, human services, the environment, and religious and spiritual affairs for the students, and create sustainable programs therefor.

### **SECTION 31**

The Secretary of Sports and Recreation shall promote sports and recreation as essential to the holistic development of every student; organize sports events and recreational activities to encourage active student participation in physical programs and wellness; work with the Sports Development

Office to develop and implement attainable sports development programs; and enjoin the students to support the student-athletes during sports competitions.

### **SECTION 32**

Each Member of the Cabinet shall perform or supervise the performance of other duties as he shall be directed to perform required by Executive Orders or Acts of Congress.

### **SECTION 33**

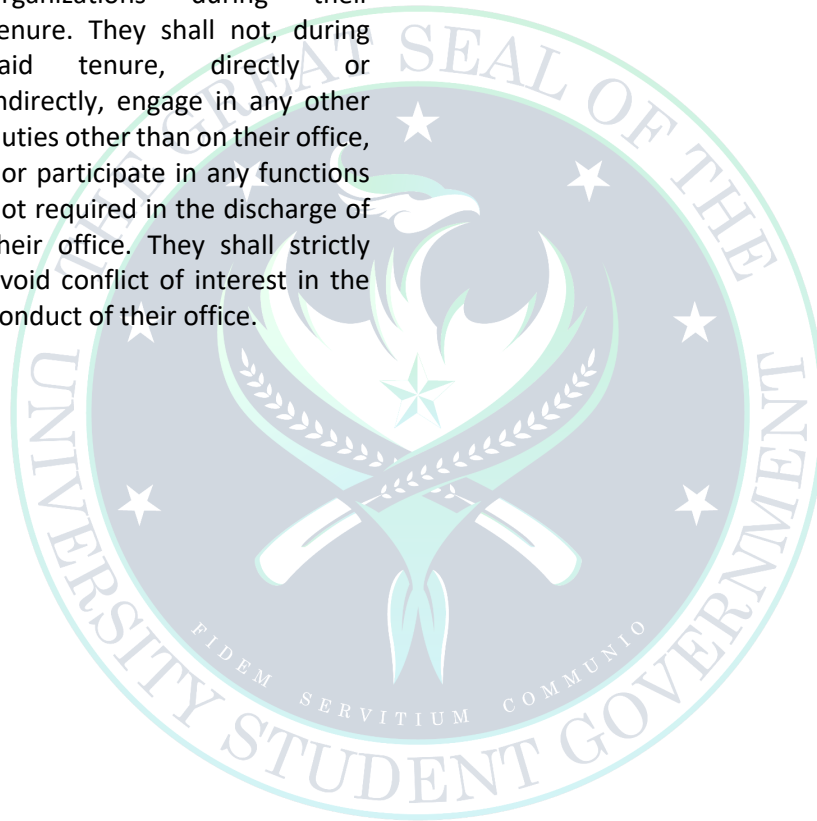
No President, Vice President, or Member of the Cabinet shall be qualified to continue to hold office if they, during their respective terms of office, shall not have obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher, failed in more than three units of the total academic units enrolled, or been found guilty of committing any major offense.

### **SECTION 34**

The President, Vice-President, Members of the Cabinet, and all student officers of the University Student Government may be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, culpable violation of the Constitution, betrayal of student trust, bribery, gross negligence of duty, gross inability to perform the functions of their respective offices, malversation of funds, and other misdemeanors.

### SECTION 35

The President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, and all student officers of the University Student Government shall not, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, hold any other office, capacity, or position in other student groups and organizations during their tenure. They shall not, during said tenure, directly or indirectly, engage in any other duties other than on their office, nor participate in any functions not required in the discharge of their office. They shall strictly avoid conflict of interest in the conduct of their office.



**ARTICLE V**

**LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**SECTION 1**

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Congress of the University Student Government, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives, except to the extent reserved to the students by the provision on initiative and referendum.

**SECTION 2**

The House of Representatives shall be composed of one member from each undergraduate program offered in this university, who shall be elected by direct vote of the students thereof by a plurality, and representatives, who, as provided in the second clause of this section, shall be elected or appointed through sectoral representation. The term of office for all the Members of the House of Representatives shall be one academic year.

Sectoral representation shall be guaranteed to the Council of Student Organizations, two; Performing Arts Group, one; International Students' Association, one; and Auxiliary Student Groups, one. The manner of election or appointment of such sectoral representatives shall be left to the determination of each student sector enumerated in this clause.

**SECTION 3**

No student shall be a Member of the House of Representatives, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been at least one semester on the day of the general election a resident of the undergraduate program in which he shall be chosen; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately preceding the general election; been not found guilty of any major offense; been enrolled at the university as an undergraduate student for at least one full academic year after the general election; and independent and free from constraints of party politics or affiliation.

**SECTION 4**

The House of Representatives shall choose its Speaker, and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment. No student officer of the University Student Government shall be impeached without the concurrence of two-thirds of all its members.



#### **SECTION 5**

When vacancy happens in the representation of any undergraduate program in the House of Representatives, the Chief Executive of the Program Council shall issue a Writ of Election to fill such vacancy: provided, that the Members of the Program Council may empower the Chief Executive thereof to make a temporary appointment until the students of such undergraduate program fill the vacancy by election as the Members may direct.

#### **SECTION 6**

The Senate shall be composed of two senators from each college, elected by direct vote of the students thereof by a plurality, for a term of one year. Each senator shall have one vote.

#### **SECTION 7**

No student shall be a Senator, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been at least one year on the day of the election a resident of the college in which he shall be chosen; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately preceding the general election; been not found guilty of any major offense; been enrolled at the university as an undergraduate student for at

least one full academic year after the general election.

#### **SECTION 8**

The Vice President of the University Student Government shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

#### **SECTION 9**

The Senate shall choose their other officers, and a President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the University Student Government.

#### **SECTION 10**

The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath. When the President of the University Student Government is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: and no student officer shall be convicted without the concurrence of three-fourths of all its members.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any student office of leadership, command, or trust under the University Student Government, the College Student Government, or Program Council: but the party convicted may nevertheless be

liable for violations, in accordance with the Student Handbook and law.

the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.”

#### **SECTION 11**

When vacancies happen in the representation of any college in the Senate, the Governor of the College Student Government shall issue Writs of Election to fill such vacancies: provided that the Legislative Council of the College Student Government may empower the Governor thereof to make temporary appointments until the students of the college fill the vacancies by election as the Legislative Council may direct.

#### **SECTION 12**

No student shall be elected to the Senate or the House of Representatives more than twice.

#### **SECTION 13**

Before he enters on the execution of his office, a student elected or appointed to represent his college or undergraduate program in Congress shall take the following oath: “I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the University Student Government against all adversaries, external and internal, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge

#### **SECTION 14**

No student who shall have been elected or appointed to serve in the Senate or the House of Representatives shall be qualified to assume office if he shall have failed more than three units of the total academic units enrolled for the semester immediately preceding his election or appointment or been found guilty of committing any major offense.

#### **SECTION 15**

No Senator or Representative shall be qualified to continue to hold office if they, during their respective terms of office, shall not have obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher, failed in more than three units of the total academic units enrolled, or been found guilty of committing any major offense.

#### **SECTION 16**

The Congress shall assemble at least once every two months in every academic year, and the first of such meetings shall be on the same day the President shall give to the Congress his first address within the first sixty days of such academic year.

#### SECTION 17

A majority of each House of Congress shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day; and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as each House may provide.

#### SECTION 18

Each House of Congress may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all its members, expel a member.

#### SECTION 19

Each House of Congress shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, and the yeas and nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

#### SECTION 20

Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the President of the University Student Government; If he approves he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections to

that House in which it shall have originated, which shall enter the objections at large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases, the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten school days (holidays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Every order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate and the House of Representatives may be necessary, except on a question of adjournment, shall be presented to the President; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two-thirds of the Senate and the House of Representatives, voting separately, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill.

## SECTION 21

The Congress shall have the power to make rules for the University Student Government, College Student Government, and Program Council: provided, that such rules shall not infringe on their autonomy; to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all powers vested by this Constitution in the University Student Government, or in any Member of the Cabinet, or in any Member of Constitutional Commissions, or in any student officer thereof.



**ARTICLE VI**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**SECTION 1**

The judicial power of the University Student Government shall be vested in one High Court, which shall be composed of one Justice from each college, and any two-thirds of whom shall be a quorum.

**SECTION 2**

No student shall be a Justice of the High Court, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been one year on the day of confirmation a resident of the university; been not found guilty of any major offense; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately prior to nomination; been enrolled at the university as an undergraduate student for at least one full academic year after the confirmation; a student of proven competence, integrity, probity, and independence.

**SECTION 3**

Each Dean of the College shall recommend to the President three students therefrom to be Justice of the High Court, whose names shall

be transmitted to the Judicial Advisory Council.

The Judicial Advisory Council shall be composed of the Attorney General, the Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives or its equivalent, the Solicitor General, a Commissioner of the University Student Election Commission, the President of the Peer Assistance Program, a student of Political Science, and a student of Criminology.

The Judicial Advisory Council shall assist the President to select his nominee from among the recommendations of each Dean to fill up the seat of the college in the High Court. The President shall appoint that student to the High Court upon the consent of the Senate.

The Members of the High Court shall choose among themselves who shall be Chief Justice.

**SECTION 4**

Before he enters on the performance of the duties of his office, a Justice of the High Court shall take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the aggrieved and to the accused, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as (Chief Justice or Associate Justice) of the High Court of the University Student Government under the



Constitution and laws of the University Student Government.”

#### **SECTION 5**

The Justices shall hold their offices during good behavior and good academic standing. No Justice shall serve in the High Court for more than two years.

#### **SECTION 6**

No law shall be passed reorganizing the Judiciary when it undermines the security of tenure or the composition of its Members.

#### **SECTION 7**

Any vacancy in the High Court, by reason of resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, shall be filled within fifteen days from the occurrence thereof.

#### **SECTION 8**

No Member of the High Court shall be designated to any office performing quasi-judicial or administrative functions.

#### **SECTION 9**

The High Court shall exercise exclusive power to review the constitutionality or validity of all Acts of Congress, House Resolutions, Senate Resolutions, College Ordinances, Executive Orders,

Administrative Orders, Presidential Proclamations, Determinations, and other Directives which shall have been issued by the President, Executive Department Directives, all Orders and Conclusions which shall have been issued by any Constitutional Commissions, or College Executive Orders; and the foregoing, upon determination and judgment to the contrary, shall cease to be in force and effect.

#### **SECTION 10**

The conclusions of the High Court in any case submitted to it for decision en banc or in division shall be reached in consultation before the case is assigned to a Member for the writing of the opinion of the Court. A certification to this effect signed by the Chief Justice shall be issued and a copy thereof attached to the record of the case and served upon the parties. Any Members who took no part, or dissented, or abstained from a decision or resolution, must state the reason therefor.

#### **SECTION 11**

No decision shall be rendered by the High Court without expressing therein clearly and distinctly the facts and the law on which it is based.

## **SECTION 12**

No petition for review or motion for reconsideration of a decision of the High Court shall be refused due course or denied without stating the legal basis therefor.

## **SECTION 13**

The High Court shall, within thirty days from the adjournment of the first joint session of the Congress every academic year, submit to the President and the Congress an annual report on the operations and activities of the Judiciary.

## **SECTION 14**

The High Court shall establish the rules of its proceedings which shall be known Rules of Court. These Rules shall ensure the protection and enforcement of constitutional rights, pleading, and practice, and shall not diminish, increase, or modify substantive rights.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**COLLEGE STUDENT**  
**GOVERNMENT**

**SECTION 1**

This Constitution shall guarantee to every college in this university an autonomous student government.

**SECTION 2**

The executive authority of the College Student Government shall be vested in the Governor, who shall hold office for a term of one academic year. The Vice Governor shall be chosen at the same time, and for the same term.

**SECTION 3**

No student shall be elected to the Office of Governor or Vice Governor, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been not found guilty of any major offense; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of subjects enrolled for the semester immediately preceding the general election; been enrolled in the university as an undergraduate student for at least one full academic year after the general election; been one year on the day of the general election a resident of

the college in which he shall be chosen.

No Governor-Elect, Vice Governor-Elect, or Member-Elect of the College Legislative Council shall be qualified to assume office if he shall have failed in more than three units of the total academic units enrolled for the semester immediately before his term of office shall have begun, been found guilty of committing any major offense, or shall have failed to enroll for the first semester of his term of office.

No Governor, Vice Governor, or Member of the College Legislative Council shall be qualified to continue to hold office if he, during his term of office, shall not have obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher, failed in more than three units of the total academic units enrolled, or been found guilty of committing any major offense.

**SECTION 4**

The Governor and Vice Governor shall be elected jointly by the direct vote of the students of the college by a plurality at the general election.

**SECTION 5**

Before they enter on the execution of their respective offices, the Governor and the Vice Governor shall take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the University Student Government and that I



will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of (Governor or Vice Governor) of the Student Government of College of (name of college), according to the best of my ability.”

#### **SECTION 6**

There shall be a Directorate of the Governor which shall be composed of a Chief of Staff, a Director of the Treasury, a Director of Business Affairs, a Director of Outreach and Initiatives, a Director of Sports and Recreation, and such other officers as may be created by College Ordinances or College Executive Orders.

#### **SECTION 7**

The Governor shall appoint the Members of the Directorate; and may appoint all other officers as may be necessary for the management and operation of the College Student Government.

#### **SECTION 8**

The legislative authority of the College Student Government shall be vested in the College Legislative Council, which shall be composed of seven members. They shall be elected by the direct vote of the students of the college at the general election by a plurality, for one academic year.

#### **SECTION 9**

The Members of the College Legislative Council shall have the same qualifications as the Governor and the Vice Governor.

#### **SECTION 10**

The College Legislative Council may determine the rules of its proceedings and shall have the power to pass ordinances as may be deemed necessary for the performance of duties of the officers of College Student Government, promotion of general welfare of the college and its students, deliverance of immediate student services, and other matters which shall concern the College and the College Student Government.

#### **SECTION 11**

The College Legislative Council shall confirm all appointments which shall be made by the Governor.

#### **SECTION 12**

The Vice Governor of the College Student Government shall be the Presiding Officer of the College Legislative Council.

#### **SECTION 13**

Every ordinance which shall have passed the College Legislative Council shall be presented to the Governor for

his approval; if not he shall return it with his objections.

the Vice Governor shall become Governor.

#### **SECTION 14**

The College Legislative Council may override the veto of the Governor by a two-thirds vote of all its members.

#### **SECTION 19**

In case the Office of Governor is temporarily vacant, the Vice Governor shall be Acting Governor until such vacancy ceases to exist.

#### **SECTION 15**

The Governor of the College Student Government shall exercise general supervision over the Program Councils.

#### **SECTION 20**

Whenever there is a permanent vacancy in the Office of Vice Governor, the Governor shall nominate a Vice Governor who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Members of College Legislative Council.

#### **SECTION 16**

The terms of office of the Governor, Vice Governor, and Members of the College Legislative Council shall begin at noon of the First of July next following the conclusion of the general election and shall end at noon of the same date one year thereafter.

#### **SECTION 21**

In case the Office of Vice Governor is temporarily vacant, the Members of the College Legislative Council shall choose among themselves who shall be Acting Vice Governor until such vacancy ceases to exist.

#### **SECTION 17**

No student shall be elected Governor or Vice Governor more than once, nor shall any student be elected Member of the College Legislative Council more than three times.

#### **SECTION 22**

In case both the Offices of Governor and Vice Governor are permanently vacant, the Members of the College Legislative Council shall choose among themselves who shall be Acting Governor and Acting Vice Governor until such vacancies are filled by election by virtue of Writs of Election issued by the College Legislative Council.

#### **SECTION 18**

In case of the removal of the Governor from office, his resignation, or disqualification,

### **SECTION 23**

Whenever there is a seat vacant in the College Legislative Council, the Governor shall issue a Writ of Election to fill such vacancy.

### **SECTION 24**

Every elective student officer of the College Student Government is subject to removal from office by referendum and discharge by the students of the college, whenever a petition demanding his removal from office, reciting that such officer has committed an act of wrongdoing while in office, stating the matters complained of, signed by fifteen percent of the total number of students thereof; and that elective student officer shall be removed from office only when two-thirds of the students thereof voted for it in a referendum for that purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**PROGRAM COUNCIL**

**SECTION 1**

The Program Council shall be the basic student political unit of the University Student Government.

**SECTION 2**

The administrative authority shall be exercised by the Program Council, which shall be composed of a Chief Executive and seven Members; who shall hold office for one academic year; and have been at least one year on the day of the election a resident of the program in which they shall be chosen.

**SECTION 3**

The manner of election for the Program Council shall be left to its determination. The University Student Election Commission shall have no jurisdiction over the Program Councils.

**SECTION 4**

The Program Council may determine its standard operating procedures for day to day operations and business in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by offices of authority in the university.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL**  
**COMMISSIONS**

least one full academic year after the confirmation.

**SECTION 1**

The Constitutional Commission, which shall be independent, are the Office of the Solicitor General, the University Student Election Commission, and the Internal Audit Service.

No Member of the University Student Election Commission or the Internal Audit Service shall hold office for more than three years, and no Member of the Office of the Solicitor General shall hold office for more than one year, nor any Member of a Constitutional Commission be reappointed to the same office.

**SECTION 2**

No student shall be appointed Member of any Constitutional Commission, except a bona fide student of the university; who shall have a minimum academic load of nine units for each semester; been one year on the day of confirmation a resident of the university; been not found guilty of any major offense; obtained a General Point Average of 1.50 or higher; earned no failing grade in any of the subjects enrolled for the semester immediately prior to nomination; been enrolled in the university as an undergraduate student for at

**SECTION 3**

No Member of a Constitutional Commission shall, during his tenure, hold any other student office of leadership, command, or trust under the University Student Government or any recognized and accredited student organizations in the university. Neither shall a Member engage in the practice of any extension of service to any student organization nor in the active participation in the affairs of the same.

**SECTION 4**

Each Constitutional Commission shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Acts of Congress.

**SECTION 5**

The Office of the Solicitor General shall investigate and prosecute student government officers accused of bribery, misdemeanors, malversation of student funds, or having committed an act of wrongdoing while in office.

The Solicitor General may suspend, upon determination of probable cause, any College Student Government or Program Council student officer from the discharge of his office for a

duration of not exceeding thirty days, while inquiry or investigation is in progress. The Solicitor General shall report to the Congress the suspension of such student officer within six school days. The Congress shall, upon receipt of the order of suspension, convene within forty-eight hours to decide whether to rescind or sustain the suspension of such student officer, upon merit.

The Congress shall have the power to prescribe and enforce the process of inquiry, investigation, and prosecution by appropriate legislation.

#### **SECTION 6**

The administration of suffrage shall be vested in the University Student Election Commission, which shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and one Commissioner for each college.

The University Student Election Commission shall enforce the Omnibus Student Election Code and all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of student elections, plebiscites, and referenda; and regulate the operations of all student political parties in the university duly accredited and recognized by the Commission.

The Omnibus Student Election Code shall be solely authored by the Commission and shall be enacted by the Congress without amendment. In case the Commission shall amend the Code, they shall

inform the Congress accordingly.

#### **SECTION 7**

There shall be an Internal Audit Service under the direction and control of an Auditor General. The Auditor General shall examine, audit, and settle all accounts pertaining to the revenues and receipts from whatever source, including trust funds derived from approved fundraisers and income-generating projects, events, or activities; and audit, in accordance with Acts of Congress and administrative regulations, all expenditures of funds or property pertaining or held in trust by the University Student Government, College Student Governments, and Program Councils. He shall keep the general accounts of the University Student Government and preserve the vouchers pertaining thereto. It shall be the duty of the Auditor General to bring the attention of the proper student officer expenditures of funds or property which, in his opinion, are irregular, unnecessary, excessive, or extravagant. He shall also perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Acts of Congress.

The decisions of the Auditor General shall be rendered within fifteen school days, and the same may be appealed to the Solicitor General whose action shall be final.



The Auditor General shall submit to the President and to the Congress a semesterly report covering the financial condition and operations of the University Student Government, College Student Governments, and Program Councils, and such other reports as may be required.

The Internal Audit Service shall have one Inspector General for the University Student Government and each College Student Government. All Program Councils under each college shall be under the Inspector General assigned for each College Student Government. The Inspectors General shall report directly to the Auditor General.

#### **SECTION 8**

Each Constitutional Commission may appoint such other officers as it may deem necessary.

**ARTICLE X**  
**ADVISOR**

transmitted to the Dean of the College. The Dean of the College shall appoint the Advisor.

**SECTION 1**

Each Student Government, Program Council and Constitutional Commission shall have an Advisor, who is a regular full-time member of the faculty at De La Salle University – Dasmariñas. The term of service of the Advisor shall be one academic year.

**SECTION 4**

The Chief Executive shall nominate, upon the advice and consent of the Program Council, three members of the faculty from the program to be Advisor of the Program Council, whose names shall be transmitted to the Dean of the College. The Dean of the College shall appoint the Advisor.

**SECTION 2**

The President shall nominate, upon the advice and consent of the Congress, three members of the faculty to be Advisor of the University Student Government, whose names shall be transmitted to the Director of Student Development and Activities Office. The Administration, through the Dean of Student Services, shall appoint the Advisor.

**SECTION 5**

The function of the Advisor shall be to advise and be consulted with, with respect to the integration of policies of the student government relating to the association between the student government and the institution so as to enable the services of the student government to cooperate more effectively in matters involving the collaboration with the administration, faculty, and support staff, and to realize the noble objectives of the student government.

**SECTION 3**

The Advisor of the College Student Government shall be the Associate Dean of the College. In case a college does not have an Associate Dean, the Governor shall nominate, upon the advice and consent of the College Legislative Council, three members of the faculty from the college to be Advisor of the College Student Government, whose names shall be

**SECTION 6**

The Advisor shall accompany the student government officers during the conduct of events or activities, when necessary.



## SECTION 7

The Advisor shall sign all correspondence, resolutions, papers, or other official documents issued by the student government.



**ARTICLE XI**  
**INTERNAL REVENUE**

special term shall be forwarded into the next fiscal semester.

**SECTION 1**

All student government revenues shall be levied from fixed contributions of every student enrolled for every semester or special term, and other sources derived from approved fundraisers and income-generating projects, activities, or events.

**SECTION 2**

The amounts of contribution for the University Student Government, College Student Governments, and Program Councils, respectively, shall be determined by the Technical Review Committee on Tuition Free Increase.

**SECTION 3**

All contributions shall be collected upon enrollment for the first semester, second semester, and special term.

**SECTION 4**

The collection of such contributions shall be administered by the Finance Office, and each contribution shall be placed in their respective separate trusts. The Finance Office shall provide for the creation of such trusts. Any balance remaining in such individual trusts from the preceding fiscal semester or

**SECTION 5**

There shall be a Federal Reserve Trust, which shall be administered by the Governor of the Federal Reserve, and upon the nomination of the Solicitor General, be appointed by the President. Such appointment shall not require the consent of the Senate.

**SECTION 6**

The Federal Reserve Trust shall serve as the bank of the University Student Government, and the same is hereby created for general, special, or emergency purposes, accessible by all recognized student organizations in the university.

Six percent of whatever balance remaining in the University Student Government Trust as of the end of every semester or special term shall be transferred to the Federal Reserve Trust.

**SECTION 7**

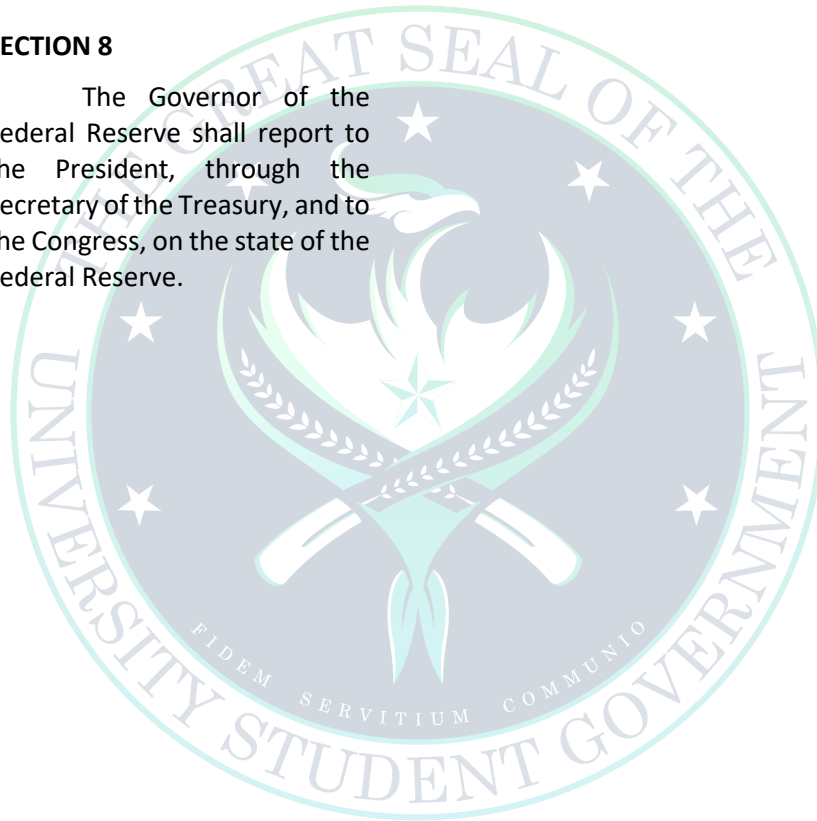
No money shall be drawn from the Federal Reserve Trust, but in consequence of appropriations for general or special purposes made by Acts of Congress, upon the advice of the Governor of the Federal Reserve to the Congress: provided, that a majority of each

House shall consent, and approved by the President.

For appropriations for extraordinary emergency purposes, the president may exercise the authority to acquire money from the Federal Reserve Trust without the consent of the Congress. The Congress shall enforce this clause by appropriate legislation.

#### **SECTION 8**

The Governor of the Federal Reserve shall report to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Congress, on the state of the Federal Reserve.



**ARTICLE XII**  
**LINE OF PRESIDENTIAL**  
**SUCCESSION**

**SECTION 1**

In case of the removal of the President from office, his resignation, or disqualification, the Vice President shall become President.

**SECTION 2**

Whenever there is a permanent vacancy in the Office of Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of all the Members of each House of Congress.

**SECTION 3**

Whenever the President transmits to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

**SECTION 4**

If, by reason of resignation, removal from office, or failure to qualify, there is neither a President nor a Vice President to discharge the powers and duties of the Office of President, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, upon his resignation as Speaker and as Representative in Congress, be President.

**SECTION 5**

If, at the time when under Section Four of this Article, a Speaker is to begin the discharge of the powers and duties of the Office of President, there is no Speaker, or the Speaker fails to qualify as President, then the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, upon his resignation as President Pro Tempore and as Senator, be President.

**SECTION 6**

A student serving as President under Section Four or Five of this Article shall continue to serve until the expiration of the then current presidential term, except until he fails to qualify.

**SECTION 7**

If, by reason of resignation, removal from office, or failure to qualify, there is no President Pro Tempore to serve as President under Section Five of this Article, then the Member of the Cabinet who is highest on the following list, and who is not under inability or disability or is not disqualified to discharge the powers and duties of the Office of the President, shall be President: Attorney General; Secretary of the Treasury; Secretary of the Interior; Secretary of Business Affairs; Secretary of Outreach and Initiatives; Secretary of Sports and Recreation.

#### **SECTION 8**

A student serving as President under Section Seven of this Article shall continue to do so until the expiration of the then current presidential term, except until he fails to qualify. The removal of inability or disability of a student higher on the list contained in Section Seven of this Article or the ability to qualify on the part of a student higher on such list shall not terminate his service.

#### **SECTION 9**

If, by reason of inability, there is neither a President nor a Vice President to discharge the powers and duties of the Office of President, then the Member of the Cabinet who is highest on the list contained in Section Seven of this Article, and who is not under inability or disability or is not disqualified to discharge the powers and duties of the Office of President, shall be Acting President, until such inability of the President or the Vice President be removed, except that the removal of the inability or disability of or the ability to qualify on the part of a student higher on such list shall not terminate his service.

#### **SECTION 10**

The taking of the oath of office by the student specified in the list in Section Seven of this Article shall be held to constitute his resignation from the office by virtue of the holding of which he qualifies to serve as President.

#### **SECTION 11**

Sections Four, Five, and Seven of this Article shall apply only to such officers as are eligible to the Office of President under the Constitution. Section Seven of this Article shall apply only to officers appointed, with the consent of the Senate, prior to the time of the resignation, removal from office, inability, disability, or failure to qualify, of the President Pro Tempore, and only to officers not under impeachment by the House of Representatives at the time the powers and duties of the Office of President devolve upon them.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**AMENDMENT OR REVISION**

**SECTION 1**

The Congress, whenever three-fourths of each House shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, and the same shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the students of three-fourths of all colleges in this university in a plebiscite: provided, that a proposed amendment shall be considered approved by a college when three-fourths of all the votes cast by the students thereof in the plebiscite are in the affirmative.

**SECTION 2**

The undergraduate students, upon petition of fifteen percent of the total number of students of each college enrolled for the semester during which such petition shall be registered, may call the Congress to convene a Constitutional Convention to revise, in whole or in part, this Constitution: provided, that two-thirds of all the votes cast at large by the students in a referendum shall assent to the petition of revision. After such petition shall have passed the referendum, each college shall elect three student delegates therefrom, whom they shall send to the Constitutional Convention. Only such student delegates, with the advice of the Members of the Student Services Council, shall be the authors of any draft revision.

Such draft shall be endorsed by three-fourths of all the members of each House of Congress for plebiscite, and the same shall be ratified by a majority of votes cast at large therein.



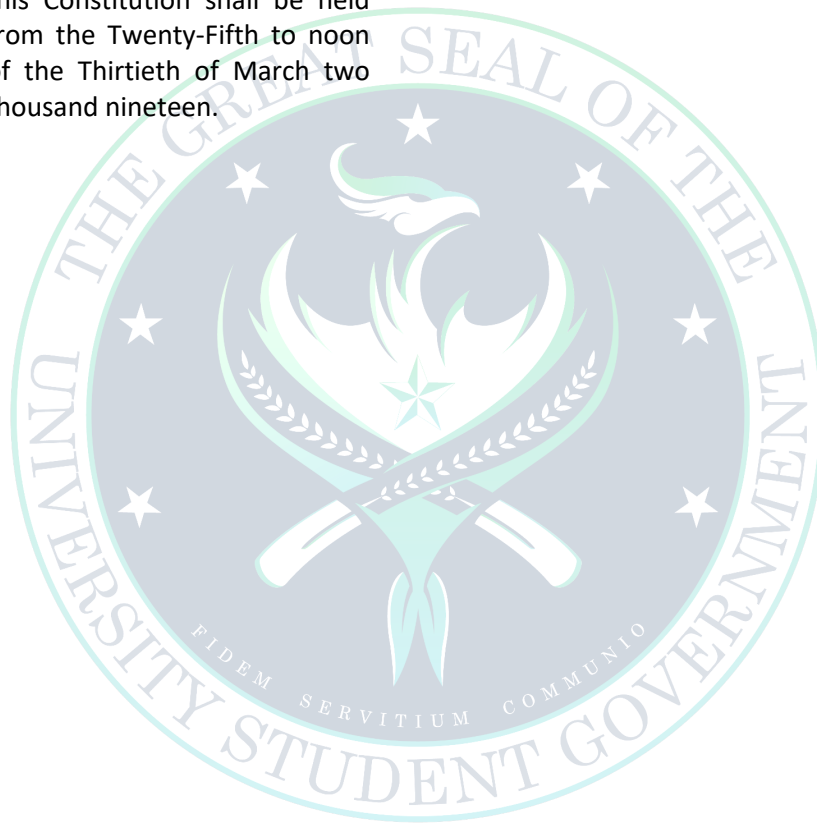
**ARTICLE XIV  
RATIFICATION**

**SECTION 1**

The ratification of the majority of votes cast by the students in a plebiscite shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution.

**SECTION 2**

The plebiscite to ratify this Constitution shall be held from the Twenty-Fifth to noon of the Thirtieth of March two thousand nineteen.



**ARTICLE XV  
TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1**

The Constitution of the University Student Government shall take effect on the Fifteenth of June two thousand nineteen after its ratification; and shall supersede and replace all prior Constitutions.

**SECTION 2**

The first primary election under this Constitution shall be held on the Second of December two thousand nineteen, and the first general election, on the Eleventh of May two thousand twenty.

**SECTION 3**

The terms of office of the Senators and Representatives first elected under this Constitution shall begin at noon of the Fifteenth of June two thousand twenty.

**SECTION 4**

Immediately after the senators shall be assembled in consequence of the first general election, that shall be divided equally into two classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the sixth month, and of the second class at the expiration of the first year, so that one-half shall be chosen every sixth month: provided that one-half of the representation from each college in the Senate shall be included in the first class. The Senator from each college who finishes second in the first

general election shall be included in the first class.

**SECTION 5**

On the first one hundred days of the University Student Government, the Congress shall provide for a system of initiative and referendum, and the exceptions therefrom, whereby the students can directly propose and enact laws or amendments to this Constitution or approve or reject any act or law or part thereof passed by the Congress after the registration of a petition therefor signed by at least fifteen percent of the total number of undergraduate students of the university.

**SECTION 6**

No amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution shall be proposed and recognized within five years from the date of its ratification.

**SECTION 7**

The Congress shall, by law, adopt a great seal and a flag for the University Student Government on the first one hundred days of the new student government.

**SECTION 8**

All incumbent student officers of the University Student Council, College Student Councils, and Program Councils, after the ratification of this Constitution, shall serve until the Fifteenth of June two thousand nineteen.

## **SECTION 9**

To ensure the orderly transition, and reinforce the effective establishment, of the new student governments established by this Constitution, onto the next academic year 2019-2020, the University Student Council, College Student Councils, and Program Councils, respectively, shall form a Transition Student Government Commission.

Each Transition Student Government Commission shall formulate and adopt a Transition Plan for their respective student governments, appoint the principal officers of the Transition Student Government, and exercise all powers necessary and proper to enforce the Transition Plan.

Any student officer so appointed by such Commission to serve on in a Transition Student Government shall be immune from disqualification, except when such student officer shall be found guilty of committing any major offense, as defined in the Student Handbook.

## **SECTION 10**

Each Transition Student Government Commission shall consist of the following incumbent members during the second semester of the academic year 2018-2019: For the University Student Government: Members of the University Student Council Executive Board; Advisor of the University Student Council; Director of Student

Development and Activities Office; Dean of Student Services.

For the College Student Government: Members of the College Student Council Executive Board; College Associate Dean, or in the absence of a College Associate Dean, the Advisor of the College Student Council; College Dean.

For the Program Council: Members of the Program Council Executive Board; Advisor of the Program Council.

## **SECTION 11**

The College Student Council Executive Boards, Program Council Executive Boards, the Council of Student Organizations, Performing Arts Group, International Students' Association, and Auxiliary Student Groups, respectively, shall reserve and exercise the temporary power to appoint students to be Members of the First Congress for academic year 2019-2020.

The College Student Council Executive Board shall appoint two students from their college to be Senators. The program Council Executive Board, Council of Student Organizations, Performing Arts Group, International Students' Association, and Auxiliary Student Groups, respectively, shall appoint students to be Members of the House of Representatives in accordance with the apportionment of seats provided in the Second Section of the Fifth Article of this Constitution. All Senators and Representatives so appointed

shall vacate their seats at noon of the Fifteenth of June two thousand twenty.

In case any undergraduate program does not have a Program Council, the College Student Council Executive Board shall exercise the temporary power to appoint one student from such undergraduate program, under said circumstance, to be a Member of the House of Representative. Such appointments shall be approved by the College Dean and College Associate Dean, or in the absence of a College Associate Dean, the Advisor of the College Student Council.

## **SECTION 12**

All student officers who shall be appointed to serve on in the University Student Government Executive Department, College Student Governments, or Program Councils for academic year 2019-1010 shall vacate their respective offices on the First of July two thousand twenty.

The Justices of the High Court and Members of Constitutional Commissions who shall be appointed in the same academic year defined in the first clause of this Section, shall be bound by the terms of office granted to their respective seats or offices, beginning on the date of their confirmation, unless voluntarily renounced at any time before their terms of office shall end.

### **CLOSING ENDORSEMENT**

Done in Convention by the unanimous consent of the Delegates present the Ninth of March in the Year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Establishment of the University Student Government Charter, the Twenty-Seventh.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names, so adopting the Constitution,

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### **UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

De La Salle University – Dasmariñas

Ratified April 23, 2013

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Ratified February 2, 1987

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Ratified May 14, 1935

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Ratified June 21, 1788

#### **PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION ACT**

Pub.L. 80-199, 61 Stat. 280, S. 564

Eightieth Congress of the United States

Enacted July 18, 1947