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Article II The Executive Branch

Section 1 SA Appointed Executive Council

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Article III The Legislative Branch

Section 15 Senate Committees

A. Internal Affairs Committee of the SA Senate:

1. Appropriations, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to the budget and finances of the SA, as well as the expenditures and appropriation of SA funds.
2. Oversight, which shall have jurisdiction over internal matters of the SA Senate including, but not limited to, changes to the SA Constitution and Bylaws, enforcement of the SA Constitution and Bylaws as related to the operations of the SA

~~Senate, and approval of appointments to the SA.~~ B. Student Affairs Committee of the SA Senate:

1. Student Life, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to student grievances, campus organizations, and school spirit honors.
2. Athletic Affairs, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to Mississippi State University Athletics, as well as student athletics, including but not limited to intramural programs and student recreation.
3. Academic Affairs, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to academic affairs and work with the SA President and the University Academic council regarding legislation in this area.
4. Health and Wellness, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to the general health and wellness of the student body, including but not limited to matters relating to the Student Health Center and Counseling Services.

€ Campus Affairs Committee of the SA Senate:

1. Capital Improvement, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislations and matters pertaining to the physical plans, traffic and parking, transit, development, construction, and the overall general improvement of campus.
2. Governmental Relations and External Affairs, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters concerning alumni relations, the Mississippi State Legislature, local government, and any other affairs external to campus; and be required to attend one City of Starkville Board of Aldermen open work session and one Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors meeting per semester.
3. Parking and Transit, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to university parking and transit needs and issues in regards to students and campus.
4. Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to campus sustainability and the environmental needs of the students and campus.

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Article III *The Legislative Branch*

Section 15 Senate Committees

A. Oversight Committee of the SA Senate:

- 1. Legislative Review, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to changes to the SA Constitution.**
- 2. Ethics, which shall have jurisdiction over internal matters of the SA pertaining to enforcement of the SA Constitution and Bylaws as related to the operations of the SA senate, and approval of appointments to the SA.**

B. Appropriations Committee of the SA Senate:

1. **Internal Spending, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to the budget and finances of the SA.**
 2. **External Spending, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation and matters pertaining to grants given by the SA to campus organizations.**
- C. Student Affairs Committee of the SA Senate:
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Article III The Legislative Branch

Section 16 Rules Pertaining to Senate Committees

B. The Speaker of the SA Senate shall have the authority to appoint the members of each SA

Senate Committee and any sub-committees, ~~with the exception of the Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee of the SA Senate,~~ as outlined in Article III, Section 3-C and Article III, Section 4C of the SA Constitution.

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Article III The Legislative Branch

Section 17 Rules Pertaining to The SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee

- A. The SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee must conduct hearings with the SA Appointed Executive Council, SA Judicial Council, and SA Senate nominees between their nomination and their confirmation. The SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee Chairman and at least one other SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee member or the SA Speaker of the Senate must be present for the hearings.
- B. The SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee must issue a recommendation in writing via electronic communication for or against confirmation of the SA Appointed Executive Council, the SA Judicial Council, and SA Senate nominees to the full SA Senate at least 24 hours in advance of the confirmation vote in question.
- C. If a Senator actively serving on the SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee is nominated for SA Appointed Executive Council, SA Judicial Council, and SA Senate, they must recuse themselves from the hearing for that position.
- D. If the SA Senate Oversight Subcommittee Chairman is nominated for SA Appointed Executive Council, SA Appointed Executive Officer, SA Judicial Council, and SA Senate, they must recuse themselves from the hearing for that position and the SA Speaker of the Senate shall serve in their place.

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Article VI Financial Code

Section 1 Preparation of the SA Budget

- A. The Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate shall work with the SA Treasurer to prepare both the projected SA budget and the final SA budget for each year.
- B. The SA Treasurer shall serve as an ex officio member of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate.
- C. The SA Treasurer shall submit to the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate in writing the total amount of available funds before the first SA Senate meeting of each semester.

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Article VI Financial Code

Section 3 The Final SA Budget

- C. The SA Treasurer shall present the proposed final SA budget to the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate before the first SA Senate business meeting of the fall semester

- D. The Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate shall examine the proposed final budget with strict scrutiny.
- E. The Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate shall present the final budget proposal to the SA Senate at the second SA Senate business meeting of the fall semester.

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Article VI *Financial Code*

Section 4 General Appropriations Bills

- C. All requests for funding must be submitted fully on Cowbell Connect through the SA Appropriations Request Form. The chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate and the SA Treasurer shall maintain joint responsibility for updating the SA Appropriations Request Form at the end of the spring semester each year.
- D. Only those student organizations whose proposed programs or activities that comply with Article I, Section 3, of the SA Constitution shall be accorded funds by the SA. E. Money shall be appropriated on an as-needed basis per semester.
- F. All requests for funding shall be evaluated by the SA Treasurer and by the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate. The SA Treasurer shall be responsible for informing the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate of any issues they find in submitted forms.
- G. A majority of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate, provided there is a quorum, must approve the each general appropriations bill. Quorum shall be defined as ½ of the total membership of the subcommittee.
- H. Any member of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate who is a member of an organization requesting appropriations must recuse themselves during the review of said organization's request.
- I. During each SA Senate business meeting, the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate must submit in writing to the SA Secretary and present a report consisting of the following:
 - a. The dollar amount of appropriations allocated during the current session;
 - b. The dollar amount of appropriations allocated during the current term;
 - c. The remaining budget amount of appropriations for the current session;
 - d. The remaining budget amount of appropriations for the current term; and
 - e. The number of planned appropriations acts remaining.

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Article VI *Financial Code*

Section 5 Guidelines to Appropriations

- C. Any organization receiving an allocation from the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate must complete an SA Appropriations Evaluation Form. This form must be to the SA no later than thirty (30) days after the event. Any organization that fails to submit

this form shall not be allowed to request future appropriations for the remainder of the semester.

- D. Any organization that fails to hold an event listed in its SA Appropriations Request Form shall not be eligible to receive appropriations for two semesters after the initial request. The Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate shall have the ability to waive this sanction in the event of extenuating circumstances.

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Article VI Financial Code

Section 7 Appealing an Appropriation

- A. Any organization that has applied for appropriations and was denied funding in part or in full may informally appeal that decision by meeting with members of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate.
- B. If, after meeting with members of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate, an organization still believes they were wrongfully denied funding, they may file a formal appeal through the following process:
1. The organization that was denied funding shall submit a formal appeal form to the SA Treasurer.
 2. The SA Treasurer shall notify the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate of this appeal and allow subcommittee to submit, in writing, support and/or documentation of their original decision.
 3. The appealing organization shall meet with the SA Treasurer and the Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate.
 4. After this meeting the formal appeal is to be presented by the SA Treasurer to the entirety of the SA Senate.
 5. Any SA Senator may make a motion to accept the appeal, which can be seconded. If there is no motion to accept, the appeals process ends.
 6. If a motion to accept is made and seconded, the Speaker of the SA Senate shall appoint an ad hoc appeals committee of three (3) or five (5) SA Senators not on the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate to review the appeal.
 7. This ad hoc committee shall review any and all information and documents provided by both the appealing organization and the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate. The committee may meet with members of the appealing organization, as well as members of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate, as they deem necessary.
 8. Upon reviewing the evidence, the ad hoc appeals committee shall decide if the appealing organization shall be allowed to appeal the decision to the entirety of the SA Senate.

9. If the ad hoc appeals committee decides to allow the decision to be appealed, the committee shall call a hearing at the next SA Senate business meeting to allow the appealing organization to make their case.
10. The Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the SA Senate shall prepare an appeals act that, if passed, would grant the appealing organization's request. The appeals act shall be presented to the entirety of the SA Senate following the organization's appeal hearing and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) of the SA Senate vote to pass