Title II

The Legislative Branch
Chapter 1

Composition

Article I. Members

Section 100. Members of Student Congress
Each member of the Student Congress shall be:
1. A member of the district that he/she is representing during the semester following the regular election;
2. Elected in full compliance with the General Election Laws;
3. Free from sanctions from the UNC Honor Court for violations of the Honor Code;
4. Free from sanctions from the UNC Supreme Court for violations of the Student Code; and,
5. Recorded in the Student Congress book after his/her credentials have been verified.

Section 101. Nature of Districts
The district of residence for an undergraduate student shall be a set of residence units containing the place of actual physical residence as distinguished from one of temporary sojourn. The district of residence for a graduate student shall be a set of graduate and professional academic departments containing the department in which he/she is enrolled.

Section 102. Allocation of Seats
A. Each seat in Congress shall represent, as nearly as possible, the same number of students.
B. Each fall semester, the Rules and Judiciary Chair shall update a list containing, as exactly as can be determined, the number of enrolled students in each district.
C. The Rules and Judiciary Committee shall conduct an annual review of the districting and apportionment of seats. The findings of this review and any corresponding recommendations shall be reported to the full Congress.

Section 103. Districts
The following shall be the districts of Student Congress:
A. District 1. The district shall be called North Campus and shall represent undergraduate students living on campus in the Alderman, Alexander, Aycock, Cobb, Connor, Everett, Graham, Grimes, Joyner, Kenan, Lewis, Mangum, Manly, McIver, Old East, Old West, Ruffin, Spencer, Stacy, and Winston residence halls. The district shall be entitled to four seats.
B. District 2. The district shall be called Middle Campus and shall represent undergraduate students living on campus in the Avery, Carmichael, Parker, and Teague residence halls. The district shall be entitled to one seat.
C. District 3. The district shall be called South Campus-West and shall represent undergraduate students living on campus in the Craige, Craige North, Hardin, Hinton, and Morrison residence halls. The district shall be entitled to three seats.
D. District 4. This district shall be called South Campus-East and shall represent undergraduate students living on campus in the Ehringhaus, Hinton James, Horton, and Koury residence halls. This district shall be entitled to three seats.
E. District 5. The district shall be called Granville and shall represent undergraduate students living in the Granville residence halls. The district shall be entitled to two seats.
F. District 6. The district shall be called Greek Housing and shall represent undergraduate students living in Greek housing. The district shall be entitled to one seat.
G. District 7. The district shall be called Off Campus and shall represent undergraduate students living off-campus and not in Greek housing. The district shall be entitled to ten seats.

H. District 8. The district shall be called Apartment Housing and shall represent undergraduate students living on campus in the Odum Village, Ram Village, and Baity Hill communities. The district shall be entitled to two seats.

I. District 9. The district shall represent students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs within the Schools of Business, Government, Information and Library Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, and Law. The district shall be entitled to three seats.

J. District 10. The district shall represent students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs within the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work. The district shall be entitled to seven seats.

K. District 11. The district shall represent students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs within the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education. The district shall be entitled to five seats.

Section 104. Arbitration
The Congress shall be the arbiter of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, subject to appeal of the student Supreme Court.

Article II. Officers

Section 110. Elected Officers
The elected officers of the full Congress shall be:
1. The Speaker;
2. The Speaker Pro Tempore; and
3. Committee Chairpersons.

Section 111. Laws Governing Elected Officers
A. All elected officers must be members of Congress.
B. No two elected officers shall be held by the same member of Congress.
C. No two members of Congress shall hold any single elected office.
D. No officer of Student Congress shall be eligible to serve as Principal Clerk, Technical Clerk, Parliamentarian, or Sergeant at Arms of the Student Congress.

Section 112. Powers of the Speaker
The Speaker of Congress shall:
1. Call to order Congress meetings and serve as the presiding officer of the Congress;
2. Call special meetings of the Congress;
3. Serve as a non-voting ex officio member of all congressional committees;
4. Sign all acts and resolutions of the Congress and ensure their transmission to the Student Body President within five (5) school days of passage;
5. Sign resolutions of the Congress and ensure their promulgation to the appropriate parties;
6. Make all appointments and nominations reserved to the Student Congress, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the Congress;
7. Appoint all members of the Legislative Staff with expediency, except the Sergeant-at-Arms, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the Congress.
8. Prepare the Congress’ annual budget request in conjunction with the Organizational Treasurer and the standing committee chairs;
9. Serve as the Congress’ chief administrator and spokesperson on non-legislative matters;
10. Ensure that all duties of the Congress and its officers are properly executed;
11. Administer the oath of office to Student Congress representatives who are sworn in after the initial inauguration ceremony;
12. Produce an updated table showing the final action on all bills and resolutions introduced within the session; and,
13. Provide regulations for the operation of the representatives of the news media on the floor of the Congress.

Section 113. Powers of the Speaker Pro Tempore
The Speaker Pro Tempore shall:
1. Perform such duties as the Speaker may assign;
2. Call to order Congress meetings and preside over the Congress in the absence or incapacity of the Speaker.
3. Orient all new members of Congress and maintain communication with the University community, including, but not limited to orientation of the First-Year class and the entire Student Body to Student Congress.
4. Serve as a non-voting ex officio member of all congressional committees.
5. Coordinate any actions regarding the prompt delivery of written reports from appointees.
6. Execute other such responsibilities as may be lawfully assigned to them;
7. Organize the Full Congress Public Forum; and,
8. Assign area and equipment on the floor of the Congress for the use of the representatives of news media.

Section 114. Powers of Committee Chairs
All standing committee chairpersons shall:
1. Call and preside over committee meetings;
2. Report to Congress the general activities and proceedings of the committee, including the title and nature of bills introduced and not yet reported;
3. Designate any bills eligible to be placed upon the Consent Calendar;
4. Ensure that the minutes and roll are taken for committee meetings; and,
5. Execute such other responsibilities as may be lawfully assigned them.

Article III. The Legislative Staff

Section 120. Composition
The Legislative Staff shall consist of:
1. The Parliamentarian(s);
2. The Clerk(s);
3. The Webmaster(s); and,
4. The Sergeant-at-Arms.
5. The Legislative Assistants.

Section 121. Duties
A. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian(s) shall advise Congress on matters of Congressional Procedure and the procedures and rules set forth by the Student Code.
B. Clerk. The Clerk(s) shall:
   1. Maintain an accurate record of all legislation and amendments thereto;
   2. Make such corrections to legislation as are necessary to maintain proper spelling, grammar, and the format as verified by the Speaker.
C. Webmaster. The Webmaster(s) shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Student Congress website.
D. Sergeant-at-Arms. Congress may elect from its membership a Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall assist the Speaker in preserving order in the chamber during meetings and explain expectations of order to visitors and members.
   A. In the event that the Sergeant-at-Arms is absent, the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms will fall to the Ethics Chair.
E. Legislative Assistants. The Legislative Assistant(s) shall be responsible for assisting their appointer with completing legislative tasks, constituent services, and legislative duties as requested.
Section 122. Removal
   Any member of the legislative staff shall be removed, without using the impeachment process:
   1. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Congress; or,
   2. At the discretion of the Speaker.
   3. Legislative assistants may be removed at the discretion of the appointer.

Section 123. Appeal
   A. Any appointed officer, dismissed at the discretion of the Speaker, may appeal the Speaker’s decision by having a member of Congress introduce a special order to overturn the Speaker’s decision and reinstate the appointed officer.
   B. If the order is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the affirmative of the full Congress to overturn the Speaker’s decision, then the appointed officer shall be reinstated to his/her position.
   C. Legislative assistants are not eligible for dismissal appeal.
Chapter 2

Finalizing Legislation

Article I. The Role of the President

Section 200. Conveyance to the Student Body President
Following the passage of legislation in the Student Congress:

1. Within three (3) workdays of passage, three (3) copies of all acts and resolutions passed by the full Congress shall be signed by the Speaker as they were passed. Two (2) copies shall be delivered by the Speaker to the Student Body President.
2. The remaining signed copy shall be filed by the Clerk, who shall place a copy of it in the labeled files of the Student Government offices. This will ensure immediate and public access to the acts and resolutions of the Student Congress during each of its sessions. The Speaker and the Clerk of the Congress shall be responsible for the maintenance of this file.

Section 201. Transmission of Vetoed Bills
The Student Body President shall return a signed copy of acts of the Congress to the Clerk of Congress within ten (10) school days of receiving it, unless he or she shall have elected to veto the act or to decline to sign it. He/she shall keep the other copy signed by both parties, and it shall be included among the permanent records of the Office of the Student Body President.

Section 202. Signed Acts Immediately Become Law
Acts of the Congress signed by the Speaker and the Student Body President immediately become law, unless other specified. Acts not returned within ten school days of passage shall become law, without the Student Body President's signature, at 5:00 pm with a notation by the Speaker stating that the President declined to sign the act.

Section 203. Vetoed Legislation
A. The Student Body President shall notify the Speaker within ten class days of receiving any legislation for which a veto message will be issued.
   1. The Speaker shall place on the agenda of the next full Congress meeting a special order for Consideration of the Student Body President's veto. During consideration of vetoes, Congress may debate the underlying bill and veto for no longer than twenty (20) minutes.
   2. At the conclusion of debate, Congress shall vote on whether to uphold the underlying bill. A yes vote signifies support of the bill and overturns the veto; a no vote signifies opposition to the bill and supports the veto.
   3. If a two-thirds majority of Congress votes to uphold the bill, the act shall become law with annotation by the Speaker stating that the President's veto was override.
B. Veto Message. In the event of a veto, the Student Body President shall send Student Congress via the Speaker a message containing his/her reasoning for vetoing the piece of legislation.
C. Overridden Veto. In the event that a Presidential veto is overridden, the signature page of promulgated legislation shall include the following items:
   1. A statement “Done by the Student Congress on the (1) day of (2) in (3)” in which (1) is the cardinal number of the day of the month, (2) is the month, and (3) is the year written out to be followed by the Speakers signature;
   2. A statement “And made vetoed on the (1) day of (2) in (3)” in which (1), (2), and (3) are as above;
3. A statement “And veto overridden by the Student Congress on the (1) day of (2) in (3)” in which (1) is the cardinal number of the day of the month, (2) is the month, and (3) is the year written out to be followed by the Speaker’s signature.

Section 204. Signature Page
The signature page of promulgated legislation shall include the following items:
1. A statement “Done by the Student Congress on the (1) day of (2) in (3)”–in which (1) is the cardinal number of the day of the month, (2) is the month, and (3) is the year written out–to be followed by the Speaker’s signature; and
2. A statement “And made law on the (1) day of (2) in (3)”–in which (1), (2), and (3) are as above–to be followed by the Student Body President’s signature, should he or she decide to affix it.

Section 205. Law without Signature
In the event that the President declines to sign and return an act by the required deadline, the signature page of promulgated legislation shall include the following items:
1. A statement “Done by the Student Congress on the (1) day of (2) in (3)”–in which (1) is the cardinal number of the day of the month, (2) is the month, and (3) is the year written out–to be followed by the Speaker’s signature;
2. A statement “And made law without signature after ten days on the (1) day of (2) in (3)”–in which (1), (2), and (3) are as above.

Section 206. Transmitting of Legislation
A. All legislation introduced (passed, failed, signed, unsigned, vetoed, overridden or postponed indefinitely) in the Congress and the standing and select committees shall be transmitted to the University Archives.
B. All promulgation to the Student Body President and the University Archives shall include legislative history, signature page, veto message, and any other notations of the Speaker, President, or the Secretary of the Student Body as to the fate of the legislation. All promulgation to other parties shall omit these items and shall include only the text of the law or resolution unless these other items are specifically requested.
C. All passed resolutions of the Congress shall be transmitted to the mandates and the President in addition to the parties above.
D. All laws of the Student Body shall be transmitted to the Office of the Student Body President, the Student Supreme Court, the Office of the Student Attorney General, the Student Activities Fund Office, the Student Body Treasurer, and the Secretary of the Student Body.
E. All amendments to the General Elections Law and all matters concerning elections shall be transmitted to the Elections Board.
F. All laws and resolutions passed by the Congress relating to officers of Student Government or Student Government-recognized organizations shall be transmitted to the officer or organization affected.
G. All laws and resolutions passed by the Congress shall be transmitted to the chair of the standing or select committee from which they reported.
H. Copies of resolutions passed by the Congress and signed by the Speaker and copies of all laws shall be transmitted to all appropriate or interested parties within five school days of passage.

Section 207. Public Record
All laws and resolutions passed by the Congress shall be public record and shall be transmitted in a timely manner to all parties requesting them. No documents of Student Congress may be withheld except under order of the Ethics Committee or the Chancellor of the University.

Section 208. Rights of the Student Body President before Committee
The President of the Student Body may appear before any committee of the Student Congress and request to speak upon any measure. He/she may also designate individuals to testify on his/her behalf for such time as the committee may designate.
Chapter 3

Congressional Records

Article I. Congressional Records

Section 300. Current Session
Each Congress shall maintain a complete set of records including:

1. The agendas and minutes of each meeting of the Congress;
2. The agendas, minutes, and/or reports of all standing or select committees of the Congress to the extent that they exist
3. The complete financial records of the Congress;
4. All items obtained by the Congress concerning Congressional ethics;
5. Records of the annual budget process;
6. The most recent roster of the Congress;
7. The most recently published copy of the Student Government Code;
8. The complete set of documents on each measure introduced or studied in Congress;
9. Any other documents of importance.

Section 301. Previous Sessions
The complete legislative records of the three immediately prior sessions of the Congress and the records of the current session shall be maintained in the office of the Congress at all times. At the close of the session the records of the oldest session on file in the office should be transferred to the University Archives.

Article II. The Student Government Code

Section 310. Maintenance of the Student Government Code
Each year a Code of the Permanent Laws of the Student Government of the University shall be produced. No less than monthly, a revision of the Student Government Code shall be produced incorporating all laws passed since the previous edition of the Code, unless no revisions are necessary.

1. Promulgation of the Code. These annual editions shall be promulgated electronically to those parties entitled by law to receive them, and shall be made publically available.
   a. The Principal Clerk shall be charged with annually producing The Code of Permanent Laws of the Student Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
   b. The Speaker of the Student Congress shall send one (1) properly signed and certified copies of all acts and resolutions to the Student Body Secretary within one week of passage by Congress, for the Executive Branch’s record-keeping purposes. The Student Body President shall send to the Principal Clerk one (1) properly signed and certified copies of all laws signed, vetoed or made law without signature within one week of his/her final action, for the Executive Branch’s record-keeping purposes.
   c. The Chair of the Board of Elections shall provide to the Student Body Secretary one copy of all certified election results of all referenda.
   d. The Principal Clerk may delegate the physical production of the Code to any other clerk.
   e. The annual edition of the Code shall be transmitted by the Principal Clerk to the Outgoing Secretary before the end of his or her term.
2. Organization. The Code shall be organized by Title, Chapter, Article, Section, and subsection(s).
3. Section Numbers. Within the Student Government Code no section number shall be duplicated within the same title.
Section 311. Laws Remain in Effect
All laws and resolutions shall be assumed to be in effect until they are repealed either explicitly or indirectly by other laws and resolutions of the Congress, unless they are of such nature as to be of obviously instantaneous effect or they provide explicitly for their own expiration. Any law or resolution passed prior to April 1, 1995, and not contained in the 1996 edition of the code will be repealed as of April 1, 1997. Any changes to the permanent laws made thereafter shall be made as amendments to appropriate parts of the Student Government Code.

Section 312. Accordance with the Constitution
Laws and resolutions shall be in accordance with the Student Government Constitution and shall be enacted in accordance with the procedures of this title and such other procedures as the Congress shall enact.

Article III. Electronic Mailing List

Section 320. Student Congress Electronic Mailing List
A. Electronic Mailing List Management
   1. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall manage the Student Congress Electronic Mailing List (referred to hereafter as “Listserv”).
   2. Management responsibilities may be deferred at any time to the Speaker of the Student Congress.
   3. The Speaker of the Student Congress maintains the right to monitor all processes of Listserv management.

B. Parameters
   1. The manager shall distribute all appropriate messages posted to the Listserv.
   2. No endorsements of elected officials of any kind, representing on- or off-campus constituencies, shall be considered appropriate.
   3. No messages advocating for or against legislation beyond the authority of the Student Congress shall be considered appropriate.

C. Appeals. The originator of a message that is withheld from the Listserv by the manager may appeal that decision to the Speaker. The Speaker has final discretion regarding appeals.

D. Notice. Upon admittance to the Listserv each new subscriber shall receive via their subscribed electronic mailing address the rules for Listserv conduct as delineated in this section.

Article IV. Presumed Constitutional

Section 330. Presumed Constitutional; Severable
A. The provisions of any act shall be considered severable and presumed Constitutional.
B. Any decision by the Student Supreme Court regarding the Constitutionality of any chapter, article, section, or subsection shall apply only to that chapter, article, section, or subsection.

Article V. Standing Rules of Student Congress

Section 340. Adoption of Standing Rules
A. At the beginning of each session, Student Congress shall adopt standing rules. If no new rules are proposed, it shall be assumed that previous standing rules by the previous session of congress shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of Congress.

B. Any resolutions to change the standing rules require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of Congress. These resolutions shall not be concurrent resolutions.

C. Section 340 may only be amended by 2/3 (two-thirds) present voting members.
Chapter 4

Congressional Committees

Article I. Committees, General

Section 401. Chair; Vice-chair
   Each congressional committee shall be chaired by one member of Congress. Each committee shall elect from within its own membership one vice-chair to assist the Chair in the operation of the committee.

Section 402. Powers of Committees, General
   The standing and select committees shall
   1. Conduct hearings, prepare reports, and initiate such legislation as they deem necessary on matters which fall within their respective areas of competence;
   2. Subpoena students to testify by majority vote such witnesses as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of subsection A;
   3. Consider all bills referred to the committee at the meeting following their referral;
   4. Report such bills as are appropriate, with or without amendments, with written report, either favorably, unfavorably, or without prejudice; and
   5. Receive and consider reports on behalf of the Congress.

Article II. Powers of Committees

Section 403. Finance Committee
   The Finance Committee shall:
   1. Consider all legislation pertaining to the generation and allocation of funds and establishment of budgets;
   2. Consider all bills appropriating Student Government funds from the Student Activities Fee;
   3. Maintain an inventory of all items purchased and owned by Student Government, which shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee Vice-Chair; and,
   4. Confirm all student referenda pertaining to the Student Activities Fee.

Section 404. Rules and Judiciary Committee
   The Rules and Judiciary (R&J) Committee shall:
   1. Consider all legislation pertaining to the content of The Student Code;
   2. Consider relevant appointments, nominations, and recommendations of the Student Body President as describes in Title I;
   3. Confirm all Congressional external appointments and members of the Legislative Staff;
   4. Confirm all student referenda pertaining to constitutional amendments;
   5. Create standing rules;
   6. Create regulations necessary for the smooth functioning of Student Congress; and,
   7. Handle any legislation which concerns judicial or legal matters.

Section 405. Oversight and Advocacy Committee
   The Oversight and Advocacy Committee shall:
   1. Receive and address and grievances, injustices, complaints, and ideas of the Student Body;
   2. Maintain a petition webpage in which student may submit any and all suggestions for the Oversight and Advocacy Committee to address;
3. Meet periodically with Congressional external appointments to provide congressional oversight and communication with various Student Government boards. Failure for appointees to appear before the Student Advocacy Committee without good reason is grounds for their removal from their respective boards. The following appointees will be required to meet with the Student Advocacy Committee, except when the Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair provides exemption:
   i. At least once every month during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointees to the Student Fee Audit Committee should update the committee.
   ii. At least every month during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointees to the Student Safety and Security Committee should update the committee.
   iii. At least once every two months during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointees to the Union Board of Directors should update the committee.
   iv. At least once a semester, the Speaker’s appointee to the Student Legal Board of Directors should update the committee.
   v. At least once every two months during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointees to the WXYC board of directors should update the committee.
   vi. At least once every two months during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointee to the Student Television Board of Directors should update the committee.
   vii. At least once every month during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Speaker’s appointees to the Renewable Energy Special Project Committee should update the committee.
   viii. At least once a semester, the Finance Committee Chair’s appointee to the Yackety Yack Board of Directors should update the committee.
   ix. At least once a semester, the Speaker’s appointee to the Student Library Advisory Board should update the committee.
   x. At least once a semester, the Honor Court Treasurer and Attorney General should update the committee.

4. Have the authority to review Student Fees as needed,
   i. Upon the review of said fees, the Oversight and Advocacy Committee may recommend to Student Congress the adjustment of any said fee. All adjustments are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and/or Board of Governors.
      1. All adjustments recommended by Congress shall be sent to the Student Fee Audit Committee (SFAC)
      2. Upon approval by SFAC, all adjustments shall continue to the Student Fee Advisory Subcommittee (SFAS).
      3. Upon approval by SFAS, all adjustments shall continue to the Tuition and Fee Advisory Taskforce (TFAT)
      4. All adjustments must be passed via a Student Body referendum
   ii. Should SFAS and/or TFAT make any changes to the recommended adjustments, Student Congress shall need to approve said adjustments before being considered for referenda.
   iii. If SFAS and/or TFAT accept the proposed changes from Student Congress without making additional changes, said adjustment shall immediately proceed to a referendum vote without requiring an additional vote in Student Congress.
   iv. Any adjustment to the Student Activities Fee is subject to the approval of Student Congress Finance Committee.
   v. The Student Body Treasurer and Graduate and Professional Student Federation Treasurer shall be notified by the Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair before each fee is reviewed.
   vi. Each fee may be reviewed no more than once per session of Student Congress except by a majority vote of the Oversight and Advocacy Committee.
   vii. The review of Student Fees shall not take precedence over any of the above duties of the Oversight and Advocacy Committee.

5. Confirm all student referenda pertaining to issues neither under the purview of the Finance Committee or the Rules and Judiciary Committee;
6. Meet periodically with senior members and committee (co-) chairs and vice-chairs of the Executive Branch and external appointments made by the Student Body President to increase dialogue and collaboration across Student Government; and,

7. Send the Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair as a representative of UNC-CH to any statewide student advocacy organization on behalf of the UNC-CH Student Government, including UNC-ASG.

Section 406. Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee shall be considered a special standing committee, consisting of five members, including the chair, one of which must be a returning representative to Congress excluding the chair.

A. No member of the Ethics Committee shall be an officer or Committee, with the exception of temporary select chairs or the Ethics Chair, who shall serve only as the Ethics chair.

B. The Ethics Committee shall investigate and report to Congress any matter brought to its attention by a member of the Student Body or representative concerning improper action of a representative or officer of Congress. The individual who brings the complaint must submit a formal written or electric complaint with supporting documentation to the Ethics Chair prior to investigation. The information shall be signed and include the legal name of the complainant. The committee chairs and clerk of Congress will submit to the ethics chair attendance records upon request when charges are related to absenteeism.

C. The Ethics committee shall investigate and report all complaints filed with the Ethics Chair if deemed appropriate by the Chair and supported by relevant documentation. If the Chair finds sufficient cause to investigate, he/she shall first discuss informally with the representative or officer in question of the nature of the complaint. If this discussion does not resolve the problem, an Ethics Committee meeting shall be called at which the Committee shall be obligated to make a recommendation to Congress based on investigation of facts surrounding the complaint. A total of three (3) complaints made from separate representatives or members of the Student Body, regardless if a complaint is deemed appropriate by the Ethics Chair, will constitute an investigative meeting of the Ethics Committee.

D. The Power of the Ethics Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the power to investigate any alleged violation of the Ethics Laws, any alleged violation of the Student Code or the Honor Code by a representative or officer in the Student Congress, any alleged unprofessional or improper conduct by a Representative, and any alleged violation by representatives of Congress of the Opening Meetings Law.

E. The Ethics Committee should it decide that some punitive action is warranted, shall recommend a single course of action in its report to Full Congress. After the report is read, the Ethics Chair will make a debatable motion in the form of a resolution listing the report and recommending such Final Action, requiring the indicated number of votes in Article III of Chapter 5, in accordance with congressional standing rules and procedure.

6. The Ethics Committee Chair shall make available the Full Congress attendance records for public record by use of the Congress website.

7. The Ethics Chair may grant a leave of absence of up to 15 days to any representative of Congress. Should the Ethics Chair determine that the leave of absence is not justifiable, he/she must consult with the Ethics Committee. A leave of absence of greater than 15 days must be approved by a simple majority of the members of the Ethics committee. The justification for a leave of absence shall be considered by the Ethics Chair or committee on a case-by-case basis.

8. Prior to the second Full Congress meeting following the beginning of the Fall semester, the Ethics Committee shall meet for the purpose of reporting to the Board of Elections chair any vacancies resulting from the failure of representatives to appear at a meeting for the purpose of being sworn in or failure to submit required ethics documentation.
Chapter 5

Ethics Laws

Article I. Requirements of Representatives of Student Congress

Section 500. Organization Membership.

A. Prior to the second full congress meeting after the beginning of a new session of Congress, representatives shall submit to the Ethics Committee Chair:
   1. A list of all recognized campus organizations in which they are active or have been active in the past academic year;
   2. A list of all offices held in such organizations;

B. These lists shall:
   1. Be updated to reflect any recognized campus organization in which the representative becomes active during the term in office;
   2. Be open to public inspection upon request by any UNC fee paying student.
   3. It is each representative’s duty to notify the Ethics Chair if any changes in organizational membership occur, but this information can be requested at any time by the Ethics Chair or Ethics Committee for the purpose of investigations and maintenance of congressional records.

Section 501. Reporting to Constituency.

A. Each representative shall submit to the Ethics Committee Chair a plan for informing his/her constituency of the activities of Student Congress. This plan shall be submitted to the Ethics Committee Chair prior to the second full Congress meeting after the beginning of a new session of Congress.

B. Each representative shall submit to the Ethics Committee Chair at least one means of communication (phone number, email address, etc.) for publication on the Student Congress website. This means of communication shall be submitted to the Ethics Committee Chair prior to the second full Congress meeting after the beginning of a new session of Congress.

C. The Ethics Committee will request biannual reports that document actual use and specific examples as to how each representative is informing his/her constituency of the activities of Student Congress. This report will be collected by the Ethics Chair and presented to the Ethics Committee by the fourth legislative cycle each semester. Failure to produce this report to the satisfaction of the Ethics Committee will result in investigation of nonfeasance by a representative.

Section 502. Full Congress Public Forum.

Student Congress representatives will be required to attend the Full Congress Public Forum, organized by the Speaker Pro Tempore, that will take place no later than two full legislative cycles after the first day of classes of the fall and spring semesters.

Section 503. Proof of District.

A. Representatives of Congress elected in a Regular Spring Election shall provide the Ethics Chair with proof that they are constituents of the district they represent by the first full Congress meeting of the Fall semester.

B. Representatives elected in a special election shall provide the Ethics Chair with proof that they are constituents of the district they represent within seventy-two (72) hours of their inauguration.

C. For Undergraduates living on-campus, sufficient proof shall consist of a University document or screenshot from an official UNC Website stating the representative’s current place of residence.

D. For Undergraduates living off-campus, sufficient proof shall consist of:
   1. A photocopy of the representative’s housing contract, lease, rental agreement, or deed; or
   2. A screenshot from an official UNC Website or University document showing that the representative does not live on campus.
E. For Graduate students, sufficient proof shall consist of a University document stating the representative’s current department of study or a screen shot from an official UNC Website indicating their department of study.

Section 504. Change of Status.
Representatives of Congress shall notify the Speaker of any change of campus residence or enrollment that affects his/her status as a representative within one (1) week of the date such a change occurs. Failure to provide the Speaker with such notification within one week of such change shall result in a referral to the Ethics Committee.
A. If the change of status occurs during the subsequent fall or spring semesters after the Regular Spring Election for that particular session of Congress, then the representative shall be ineligible to serve in his or her district after such notification.
B. If the change of status occurs over the summer, then the representative shall be ineligible to serve in his or her district starting the first day of classes in the subsequent fall semester.

Section 505. Attendance Requirements.
A. Representatives of Congress shall accumulate no more than two (2) unexcused absences per session. The Ethics Chair may excuse absences upon a written notice at least 3 hours before the meeting. The Ethics chair will excuse the representative for absences, tardiness, and exits related to
1. Family;
2. Illness;
3. School requirements;
4. Unavoidable mandatory work schedule; and/or
5. Religious obligations and observances.
B. More than two (2) unexcused and/or six (6) excused absences shall constitute grounds for investigation by the Ethics Committee. Representatives who intend to miss more than one consecutive meeting should request a leave of absence. Representatives of Congress must request a leave of absence in writing to the Ethics chair at least 24 hours prior to the intended start date of the leave of absence.

Section 506. Punctuality Requirements.
Pertaining to the congressional meetings and congressional committee meetings, two unexcused tardies or exits are equal to one unexcused absence. A tardy is an arrival at least 15 (fifteen) minutes after the scheduled time of the meeting. An exit is a departure before the Adjournment of the meeting.
A. Upon late arrival or early departure at a meeting, a representative shall check in with the clerk.
B. The clerk shall make note in the minutes the time of the arrival or departure.
C. Any tardies shall be reported by the clerk to the Ethics Chair.

Section 507. Compensation Prohibited.
A. No representative shall be a paid staff member of any organization funded by the Congress.
B. No member of Congress shall be entitled to nor shall he/she accept a stipend, salary, or any other form of compensation for the purpose of serving as a student representative in Student Congress from any student organization.

Section 508. Prohibition.
A representative must cast a vote of present but not voting, concerning any recognized student organization which he/she has been a member in the past academic year, when the business at hand is an appropriations request and the motion is to adjust the amount requested up or down, to vote on the passage of a bill or the previous question has been moved on such an appropriations bill. Membership in Student Congress, CAA, GPSF, CUAB or RHA does not require one to cast a vote of present but not voting; however, in such a circumstance, officers of CAA, GPSF, CUAB and RHA must cast a vote of present but not voting.

Section 509. Failure to Comply.
Failure to comply with student laws and Congressional rules and procedures by law or resolution shall constitute malfeasance, misfeasance, and/or nonfeasance as appropriate.
Section 510. Special Events
A. Should Student Congress host or co-host an event, attendance may be deemed mandatory for specific districts or all representatives at the consensus of the Speaker and the Ethics Chair to ensure participation by Congress representatives provided that relevant representatives are notified at least two weeks in advance.
B. Members of Student Congress shall notify the Ethics Chair if they cannot attend an event.
C. The Ethics Chair will excuse the absence according to the attendance requirements outlined in the Ethics Laws.
D. Failure to attend an event, or provide written notice to the Ethics Chair at least 3 hours before the event, will result in one (1) unexcused absence.

Article II. Actions of the Ethics Committee

Section 511. Grounds for Action.
Malfeasance, misfeasance, and/or nonfeasance of any kind by a representative or officer of Congress, shall constitute grounds for action.
A. Malfeasance shall be defined as wrongdoing or misconduct.
B. Misfeasance shall be defined as performing a lawful action in an unethical, illegal, or improper manner. This shall include deliberately misusing the office of a representative or officer of Student Congress for personal gain.
C. Nonfeasance shall be defined as failure to act or fulfill one’s duty. This shall include the duties of both officers and representatives to constituents and fulfillment of the duties of the offices of Congress.

Section 512. Procedure for Ethics Investigation.
A. If a complaint is pursued by the Ethics Chair and is not resolved by informal meeting, or three (3) complaints from separate individuals are received, an Ethics Committee meeting for the purpose of investigation will be called. Meetings can be conducted at any time throughout legislative cycles, but the report of the Ethics Committee can only be delivered and enforced upon passage at a Full Congress meeting.
B. The decision to dismiss a complaint by the Ethics Chair can be appealed by filing an appeal with the Ethics Chair that is signed by two (2) other separate individuals, representatives, or officers of Congress. Once the appeal is received, it is the duty of the Ethics Chair to call an Ethics investigative meeting.
C. For the purpose of investigation, both the complainant and the accused individual should be present. On a case-by-case basis determined by the Ethics Chair, the complainant or accused individual can be absent, but must present a statement to be read to the committee outlining facts and chronological order of violations in question.
D. The order of the Ethics Committee Investigative Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of the Formal Complaint
4. Statement of the Complainant
5. Statement of the Accused
6. Presentation of Evidence and Witness of the Complainant
7. Presentation of Evidence and Witness of the Accused
8. Cross examination of the Evidence and Witnesses of the Accused
9. Cross examination of the Evidence and Witnesses of the Complainant
10. Final Statement of the Complainant
11. Final Statement of the Accused
12. Recess for deliberation of the Ethics Committee
13. Call to Order
14. Motion of Dismissal or specific Final Action of the Complaint to be reported to Full Congress
15. Adjournment

E. The Complainant and the Accused individual have the right to counsel at any time after the notice of being called to the Ethics Committee Investigative Meeting is received.
F. The Ethics Committee Investigative Meeting will take place no earlier than 72 hours after a complaint is
received to allow for proper scheduling and notice to all parties.

G. The Ethics Chair will serve as presiding officer and is allowed a vote after a motion of Dismissal or Final Action. A motion of dismissal is final and will not be re-addressed unless new supporting documentation is found relevant by the Ethics Chair.

H. A Clerk will be present to document the meeting which will be made available as public record on the congressional website.

Section 513. Final Actions of the Ethics Committee.

A. Censure

Censure shall consist of a formal reprimand delivered to a standing representative by the Speaker or his/her designee at the next regular meeting of Congress following the Ethics Committee report recommending such an action. It shall be warranted following an Ethics Committee recommendation, unless two-thirds of the Student Congress votes to overturn the Committee report in a debatable motion immediately following the presentation of the report.

B. Suspension of Voting Privileges

Suspension of voting privileges of any representative for a definite period of time shall require a two-thirds vote following debate of the motion of the Ethics Committee.

C. Suspension of Voting and Debate Privileges

Suspension of voting and debate privileges of any representative for a definite period of time shall require a two-thirds vote following debate of the motion of the Ethics Committee.

D. Expulsion for Absenteeism

Expulsion for absenteeism, limited to the failure to fully attend the required number of Congress or committee meetings, shall require a majority vote following debate of the motion of the Ethics Committee.

E. Expulsion

Expulsion for any other cause shall require two-thirds vote following debate of the motion of the Ethics Committee.

F. Removal of an Officer

The Ethics Committee can recommend removal of an officer of Student Congress. This motion is debatable and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption.

G. Special Provisions

If the Speaker is subject of the motion, he/she shall relinquish the chair to the Speaker Pro Tempore during the period of debate. If the Ethics Committee Chair is the subject of the complaint, it should be filed with the senior-most member of the Ethics Committee, who shall direct an investigation after informing the Speaker of the charges made against the Chair.

H. Final Action Time of Effect

Final Actions will take effect immediately upon passage by Full Congress.

Article III. Request for Government Information

Section 514. Information

A. All officers, committees, or individuals appointed by Congress or the Student Body President, or organizations receiving funding from any power of Congress from student fees are required to give to any committee of the Student Congress, upon request, all relevant information and all relevant data within their possession, pertaining to student government property, fiscal data, information needed for the advocacy of constituents, or the overall function of Student Government.

B. This requirement is mandatory and shall include requests made by any member of Congress.

C. This provision shall not apply to sealed records of the Honor Court or any other records protected by state or federal law.
Chapter 6

Impeachment

Article I. Powers of Impeachment

Section 600. Any Elected or Appointed Official

The Student Congress shall have the power to impeach and remove from office Student government Official, elected by the Students or whose appointment was approved by Congress. Charges may be entered against any Student Government Official for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of duty. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary to bring the official to trial. The Student Congress member entering the charges shall prosecute, or may designate any University student to act as counsel for the prosecution, and the accused official may designate any University student to act as counsel for the defense. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SC members present and voting shall be necessary to convict the accused, or to remove the accused from office. This act shall not be construed to prohibit other means by which an official may be removed from office, as provided by law.

Article II. Forms of Bills of Impeachment

Section 610. Articles

A Bill of Impeachment shall be divided into several Articles of which:

1. The first shall designate the name of the Student Government Official to be impeached, the date of his/her commission or election, and the place whereat he/she resides;
2. The second shall designate a manager for the prosecution of the accusation and impeachment, who shall be a student in good standing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
3. The third shall enumerate at least two Representatives in Student Congress who shall aver the truth of the Articles of the Bill of Impeachment; and,
4. The fourth and succeeding paragraphs shall enumerate allegations as shall be required by this Act to constitute a Bill of Impeachment against the specific Student Government Official to be impeached.

Section 611. Impeachment of Student Government Officials

A. The following Student Government officials and positions shall be eligible for impeachment under this chapter:

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Body Treasurer
4. Student Body Secretary
5. Graduate and Professional Student Association President
6. Residence Hall Association President
7. Student Attorney General
8. Graduate and Professional Student Association Attorney General
9. Members of the Graduate and Undergraduate Honor Courts
10. Chief Justice of the Student Supreme
11. Associate Justices of the Student Supreme Court
12. Student Solicitor General
13. Members of the Board of Elections
14. Student Government Officials of the Student Congress, as defined by Title II Chapter 1 Article II Section 110.
B. A Bill of Impeachment of the defined Student Government Officials shall allege specifically by what acts, upon what dates, and in what manner the official(s) shall have failed to perform the duties of his/her office as prescribed by the Constitution of the Student Body, Code of Permanent Laws and the laws enacted thereunder, to the truth of which allegations five Representatives in Student Congress shall be enumerated to aver.

Section 612. Specific Allegations
A Bill of Impeachment of a Student Government Official subject to impeachment by a Bill of Impeachment not heretofore authorized shall allege specifically by what acts, upon what dates, and in what manner, the Student Government Official shall have failed to perform the duties of his/her office as prescribed by the Constitution of the Student Body and the laws enacted hereunder, to the truth of which five Representatives in Student Congress shall be enumerated to aver.

Section 613. Aver to Truth of Allegations
No Representative in Student Congress shall aver to the truth of any allegation unless and except he/she have probable cause to believe such allegation to be true.

Section 614. One Specific Act per Article
No Article of Impeachment shall allege more than one specific act by which the Student Government Official to be impeached shall have failed to perform the duties of his/her office.

Article III. Preliminary Proceedings

Section 620. Introduction
A Bill of Impeachment may be introduced as new business at any Regular Session of the Student Congress.

Section 621. Requirement after Introduction
Upon the introduction of a Bill of Impeachment, the Speaker shall require each Representative, who shall be enumerated by the Articles to aver to the truth of said Articles, to acknowledge such averment and to subscribe his/her signature to the Bill of Impeachment.

Section 622. Referral to Rules and Judiciary Committee
Immediately following such acknowledgment, the Speaker shall refer such Bill of Impeachment to the Rules and Judiciary Committee, and shall require the Chairperson of such Committee to call a meeting of the Rules and Judiciary Committee within seventy-two (72) hours following and to give notice within twenty-four (24) hours following to the Student Government Official to be impeached and the managers for the prosecution.

Article IV. Duties of the Rules and Judiciary Committee

Section 630. Requirements of the Rules and Judiciary Committee
The Rules and Judiciary Committee shall, within seventy-two (72) hours following the introduction, acknowledgment, and subscription of a Bill of Impeachment, convene and require that:
A. Receipt of notice given to the Student Government Official to be impeached be presented by the Chairperson of the Committee;
B. Receipt of notice given to the manager for the prosecution be presented by the Chairperson of the Committee;
C. The managers for the prosecution submit the names and campus addresses of all persons whom such managers shall desire to present as witnesses to acts alleged by the Articles;
D. The managers for the prosecution present all documents and real evidence which such managers shall desire to introduce into evidence to acts alleged by the Articles; and
E. The Representatives in the Student Congress who shall have been enumerated by the Articles to the truth thereof to appear before the Rules and Judiciary Committee and, upon oath or affirmation, testify as to the specific acts by which it be alleged that the accused did fail to perform the duties of his/her office.

Section 631. Examination of the Rules and Judiciary Committee
The Rules and Judiciary Committee, except any member thereof who shall have been enumerated by the Articles to aver the truth thereof shall:
A. Examine each Representative who shall have been enumerated by the Articles to aver the truth thereof;
B. Examine each document and item of real evidence presented by the managers for the prosecution.

Section 632. Report of the Rules and Judiciary Committee
The Rules and Judiciary Committee, except any member thereof who shall be enumerated by the Articles to aver the truth thereof, shall report at the Regular Session of the Student Congress next following the introduction, acknowledgment and subscription of a Bill of Impeachment:
A. Whether such Bill of Impeachment shall contain allegations of fact supported by averment or other evidence; and
B. Whether such Bill of Impeachment shall contain allegations of fact which supported by averment or other evidence which shall constitute the failure of the Student Government Official to perform the duties of his/her office.

Article V. Consideration of Bills of Impeachment

Section 640. Convene into Committee of the Whole
Immediately following the Report of the Rules and Judiciary Committee upon the Bill of Impeachment, the Student Congress shall convene in Committee of the Whole.

Section 641. Order of Business
The order of business of the Committee of the Whole shall be:
A. The reading of the Bill of Impeachment;
B. The opening argument by the managers for the prosecution;
C. The examination of witnesses and real evidence submitted by the managers for the prosecution;
D. Debate upon the question and Rising of the Committee of the Whole.

Section 642. Examination
The Committee of the Whole shall examine the witnesses introduced before it in the following manner:
A. The direct examination of the witness by the managers for the prosecution;
B. The cross-examination of the witness upon matters introduced in direct testimony, by any Representative in the Student Congress;
C. The redirect examination of the witness by the managers for the prosecution; and the re-cross examination of the witness by any Representative in the Student Congress.

Section 643. Adoption of Bill of Impeachment
The question shall be whether the Committee of the Whole shall recommend that the Bill of Impeachment be adopted, which question shall be subject to amendment and indefinite postponement only.

Section 644. Limitation on Debate
No Representative shall speak more than once to the question or to any amendment, nor for more than five minutes, unless another Representative shall yield such Representative his/her own time.

Section 645. Voting
Upon completion of debate upon the question, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without final recommendation, and the Speaker shall put the question to the call of the roll of the Student Congress.

Section 646. Prima Facia Case for Adoption
The Student Congress of the Student Body shall adopt the Bill of Impeachment should the evidence submitted by the managers for the prosecution create a prima facie case and, therefore, be sufficient to prove that the accused Student Government Official did fail to perform the duties of his/her office, unless, upon the trial of the Bill of Impeachment, such evidence be explained, rebutted or contradicted.

Article VI. Proceedings Preliminary to Trial

Section 650. Transcription of Bill of Impeachment
Should the Student Congress adopt a Bill of Impeachment, the Speaker shall direct that the Clerk of the Student Congress shall within twenty-four (24) hours, prepare and certify a true and accurate transcription of the Bill of Impeachment as amended and the poll of the Student Congress upon the question of its adoption.

Section 651. Extraordinary Session
Upon the adoption of a Bill of Impeachment, the Student Congress shall order that it shall convene in Extraordinary Session not more than fifteen (15) nor less than seven (7) days thereafter, and that it shall be in order only at that Extraordinary Session that the Student Congress resolve itself to be the Court for the trial of Impeachment.

Section 652. Discharge from Duties
Thereupon, the Student Congress shall order that the Student Government Official under Impeachment be excused from the discharge of his/her duties pending trial.

Section 653. Proclamation and Summons
Upon the adjournment of the Student Congress, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk of the Student Congress that he/she, within fifty (50) hours following, issue proclamation and summons to the Student Government Official under Impeachment, fixing the day of return upon the convening of the Student Congress in Extraordinary Session.

Section 654. Service of Proclamation and Summons
The proclamation and summons to the Student Government Official under Impeachment shall be issued and served within thirty-six (36) hours upon such Student Government Official, and shall contain:
A. A certified transcript of the Bill of Impeachment as amended and the poll of the Student Congress upon the question of its adoption;
B. A certified copy of all Rules and Procedures for Introduction, Consideration and Trial of Impeachments;
C. A certified copy of those provisions of the Constitution of the Student Body defining and guaranteeing the Rights of Students.

Section 655. Form of Proclamation and Summons
The form of the Proclamation and Summons to be issued and served upon the Student Government Official under Impeachment shall be:
The Student Congress to ________, Greetings

Whereas the Student Congress did, on the____ day of____, adopt Articles of Impeachment against you, the said ________, ______, ______, should be put to answer the accusations as set forth in said Articles, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials, and judgments might be thereupon had as are agreeable to law and justice, You, the
said____, are therefore hereby summoned to be and appear before the Student Congress sitting in the Court for the Trial of Impeachments, at _____ o’clock _____ m., at ______ on the day of ______, then and there to answer to said Articles of Impeachment. Furthermore, You, the said____, are therefore hereby relieved and excused from the discharge of your duties under the Constitution of the Student Body and the laws enacted there under pending the trial of such Articles of Impeachment, and You, the said____, should you fail to appear and answer to the Articles of Impeachment, shall be ordered and adjudged to have answered and pleaded Not Guilty, by and through the Clerk of the Court for the Trial of Impeachment for and upon your behalf acting.

Hereof fail not.

Witness____, Clerk of the Student Congress, this_____ day of______.

Article VII. Trial

Section 660. Convene in Extraordinary Session
Upon the day and hour ordered by the Student Congress, the Congress shall convene in Extraordinary Session, and the Speaker shall put the question, upon motion by any member, whether the Student Congress do hereby resolve into a Court for the Trial of Impeachments. Failure to adopt such resolution shall constitute dismissal of the Articles of Impeachment.

Section 661. Surrender of the Chair
Thereupon, if the President (or Vice-President) of the Student Body be under Impeachment, the Speaker shall then surrender the Chair to the Chief Justice of the Student Body, or, in his/her absence to the Senior Justice there present, who shall be the President of the Court. If the President of the Student Body be not under Impeachment, then the Speaker shall be President of the Court.

Section 662. Oath
The Chief Justice of the Student Body, or in his/her absence any Student Government Official empowered to administer Oaths of Office, shall administer the following Oath to each Representative of Student Congress before such Representative shall act as a member of the Court for the Trial of Impeachments:

“I solemnly swear (or affirm) that in all things appertaining to the Trial of the Impeachment of (name), now proceeding, I will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and Laws of the Student Body.”

Section 663. Clerk
The Clerk of the Student Congress shall be the Clerk of the Court.

Section 664. Pleading
The Student Government Official under impeachment shall then be called to appear and answer the Article of Impeachment against him/her, which Articles shall be read before him/her by the Court, whereupon the Student Government Official shall answer Guilty or Not Guilty.

Section 665. No Appearance
Should the Student Government Official under impeachment not appear, nor instruct, nor authorize any person to appear on his/her behalf, the President of the Court shall enter a plea of Not Guilty on behalf of the accused Student Government Official.

Section 666. Admission to the Bar of the Court
The managers for the prosecution of the Articles of Impeachment, the Student Government Official Under Impeachment, and any student who the Student Government Official Under Impeachment shall authorize and instruct to act on his/her behalf in the Trial of Impeachment, shall be admitted to the bar of the Court for the Trial of Impeachments immediately following the Answer.
Section 667. Motions
All motions made by the Prosecution or the Defense shall be addressed to the President of the Court and, if he/she require it, be reduced to writing.

Section 668. Time Limit of Debate
Motions shall be in order upon the close of evidence for the Prosecution and the Defense, which motion shall not be debated for more than one half hour by each side, unless the Court shall by order extend the time.

Section 669. Opening and Closing of Arguments
The arguments shall be opened and closed by the Managers for the Prosecution of the Articles of Impeachment and shall be made by one person, unless the Court shall by order direct otherwise.

Section 670. Order of Presentation
The order for the presentation and introduction of evidence shall be:
A. The Opening Argument for the Managers of the Prosecution;
B. The examination of witnesses and introduction of real and documentary evidence submitted by the Managers for the Prosecution;
C. The Opening Argument by the Defense;
D. The examination of witnesses and introduction of real and documentary evidence submitted by the Defense;
E. The Closing Argument by the Defense; and
F. The Closing Argument by the Managers for the Prosecution.

Section 671. Oath of Witnesses
Each witness called by either side shall be administered the following oath by the President of the Court:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the evidence which I shall give in the case now pending between the Student Body of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and, shall be the Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth.”

Section 672. Examination of Witnesses
The examination of witnesses submitted by either side shall be in the following manner:
A. The direct examination of the witnesses by the side submitting him/her;
B. The cross-examination of the witnesses by the side not submitting him/her; upon any matter, and for any purpose;
C. The redirect examination of the witnesses by the side submitting him/her; and
D. The re-cross-examination of the witnesses by the side not submitting him/her.

Section 673. Court Member Called as Witness
If a member of the Court be called as a witness, he/she shall be sworn and give his/her testimony standing in his/her place, but shall not be disqualified thereby from sitting in the Court.

Section 674. Polling of the Court
Upon the questions of any motion, and on the question whether the Articles of Impeachment be sustained, the Court shall be polled.

Section 675. Question of Guilt
Upon the close of the argument by the Prosecution, and the close of motions thereafter, the question shall be whether the Student Government Official under impeachment is guilty of the impeachment of having failed to perform the duties of his/her Office, which question shall be debatable but not subject to any
subsidiary motion, and no Member of the Court shall speak more than twice, nor more than ten (10) minutes at any one time.

Section 676. Standard of Reasonable Doubt
No member of the Court for the Trial of Impeachments shall sustain the Articles of Impeachment, unless the evidence submitted, examined and considered shall prove beyond reasonable doubt that the Student Government Official under Impeachment did fail to perform the duties of his/her Office.

Section 677. Voting
The form of the question whether the Articles of Impeachment be sustained and the Student Government Official Under Impeachment convicted of having failed to perform the duties of his/her office shall be, to each Member of the Court:” Mr. (Mrs., Miss, Ms.); How say you of the Defendant, Guilty or Not Guilty;” to which each member of the Court shall respond either "Guilty” or "Not Guilty.”

Section 678. Adjournment
Upon Acquittal of any Student Government Official under Impeachment, the President of the Court for the Trial of Impeachments shall put the question, whether the Court for the Trial of Impeachments adjourn, which motion shall not be subject to debate.

Section 679. Removal
Upon conviction of any Student Government Official Under Impeachment, the President of the Court shall put the question, whether the Convicted Student Government Official be removed from Office, which motion shall be debatable but not subject to any subsidiary motion, and no Member of the Court shall speak more than once, nor for more than ten (10) minutes.

Section 680. Disqualification
Removal from Office by the Court shall disqualify such Student Government Official Convicted from the exercise of any office of trust, profit or honor under the Student Government.

Section 681. Suspension
Any Student Government Official Convicted, but not removed from his/her Office, shall be suspended from the exercise of his/her duties and powers until such time that the Student Congress shall, by Resolution, revoke such suspension.

Article VIII. Appeal to the Supreme Court

Section 690. Appeal to Supreme Court
Any Student Government Official under impeachment may appeal conviction hereunder from the Court for the Trial of Impeachments to the Supreme Court of the Student Body, in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body, Code of Permanent Laws and the laws enacted there-under.

Section 691. Only Error of Law
There shall be no Appeal from the Court for the Trial of Impeachments except upon error of law, and unless such appeal is commenced by notice to the Court for the Trial of Impeachments upon conviction and sentence.

Section 692. Notice of Appeal and Record of Trial
Should any Student Government Official convicted by the Court for the Trial of Impeachments give notice to that Court of Appeal to the Supreme Court of the Student Body, the President of the Court for the Trial of Impeachments shall file written notice of such appeal with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter; and shall file a transcript of the articles, motions, rulings, judgments, and sentence within five (5) days.
Article IX. General

Section 700. Familiar Disqualifications to Sit on Court
   No person, or the spouse or brother or sister of a person, designated the Student Government Official to be impeached by any Bill of Impeachment shall take part in the consideration of such Bill.

Section 701. Disqualification for Conflict of Interest
   No person, or the spouse or brother or sister of a person, who shall, upon conviction or removal of a Student Government Official under impeachment, succeed to such office pursuant to the Constitution of the Student Body or any law enacted hereunder, shall vote on such bill.

Section 702. Chair of Rules and Judiciary Committee
   Should the Chairperson of the Rules and Judiciary Committee be impeached, the member of the Rules and Judiciary Committee senior in consecutive service in the Student Congress shall act as Chairperson and perform the duties thereof as herein prescribed.

Section 703. Limitations on Excuse for Discharge of Duties
   No Student Government Official shall be excused from the discharge of the duties of his/her office pending the trial of a Bill of Impeachment brought against him/her for more than fifteen days.

Section 704. No Denial of Constitutional Rights
   Except as provided by the Constitution of the Student Body; no Student Government Official under impeachment may be denied any rights granted and guaranteed by the Constitution of the Student Body, the State of North Carolina, or the United States of America.