

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION OF FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE**

PREAMBLE: We, the students of Farmingdale State College, in order to provide for an active student life, a vibrant and safe campus community that enriches the learning experience, encourages student activities, oversees the fair disbursement of collected student activity funds, and provides for all services as the student body may direct, hereby establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I: NAME and PURPOSE

1. The name of this organization shall be Student Government Association of Farmingdale State College (SGA Farmingdale State College, or "SGA FSC"). The purpose of this association is to act as the governing body of the students of Farmingdale State College
2. The purpose of this constitution is to create a Student Government Association that promotes the education, welfare, advocacy and enrichment of the Student Body of Farmingdale State College.
3. All responsibilities of the Student Government Association shall be carried out in accordance with the policies, practices, and governance documents of Farmingdale State College and the SUNY Policy Documents 3900 and 3901. In addition, all applicable New York State and federal laws as well as SUNY policies will be adhered to.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SGA FSC shall consist of all full and part-time students of Farmingdale State College who have paid the Student Activity Fee.

ARTICLE III: STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GOVERNING STRUCTURE

- A. Student Government Governing Structure shall be comprised of an Executive Branch, a Legislative Branch, and a Judicial Branch.
- B. Conditions for Office:
 - a. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary before placement on the ballot, the candidates must be an undergraduate student with minimum cumulative grade point averages of 2.75. Candidates for Executive office must be in good academic and social standing, according to the Farmingdale State College, Student Code of Conduct. If a student has a GPA of less than 2.75 at the beginning of either the fall or spring semester after their election, he/she may no longer serve.

- b. Senators must be undergraduate students, with minimum cumulative grade point averages of 2.5. Candidates for Senate office must be in good academic and social standing, according to the Farmingdale State College, Student Code of Conduct. If a student has a GPA of less than 2.5 at the beginning of either the fall or spring semester after their election to the Senate, he/she may no longer serve.
- c. Members of the Judiciary branch must be undergraduate students, with minimum cumulative grade point averages of 2.5. Candidates for Judicial office must be in good academic and social standing, according to the Farmingdale State College, Student Code of Conduct. If a student has a GPA of less than 2.5 at the beginning of either the fall or spring semester after their election to the Judicial Branch, he/she may no longer serve.
- d. Members of the Executive and Senate Branches shall be elected to serve a term of one academic year.
- e. Members of the Judicial Branch shall be appointed by the Executive Branch and confirmed by the Senate.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive Branch of the Student Government Association shall be known as the Executive Committee.

- A. Membership:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President (Chair of the senate)
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
- B. Ex-officio members- Faculty Advisor

ARTICLE V: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Following positions shall comprise the legislative Branch

- A. The student Senate
 - a. Vice President of the SGA
 - b. Sixteen elected Senators
 - c. Faculty or Staff Adviser
 - d. Secretary of the Executive Branch

The senate shall be comprised of 16 representatives elected from each of the following areas:

- 3 representatives from-School of Engineering Technologies
- 3 representatives from-School of Business
- 3 representatives' from-School of Arts & Sciences
- 3 representatives' from-School of Health Science
- 4 representatives from the student body at large

ARTICLE VI: JUDICIAL BRANCH

- A. The Judicial Branch shall be comprised 5 students appointed by the Executive Branch and confirmed by the Senate.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Procedures for amending the Constitution:

- A. Constitutional Amendments Conducted by Student Government:
 - a. A petition to amend the constitution shall be submitted to the President of the Student Government Association. .
 - b. The Senate and the Executive Board will meet within 1 week of receiving the amendment to discuss the proposed amendment.
 - c. Amendments to this Constitution must first be approved by 2/3rds of the Executive Branch and 2/3rds of the Senate.
 - d. An Open Forum meeting will take place within 2 weeks of the senate and executive review of the proposed amendment to inform the student body of the proposed amendment.
 - e. An election for the adoption of the proposed amendment must take place within one month of receiving the proposed amendment.
 - f. The amendment must be approved by 2/3rds of the general student body voting on the amendment.
- B. Constitutional Amendments Conducted by Student Initiative:
 - a. A petition for an amendment must include the signatures of at least 10% of the general student body before being submitted to the Executive and Legislative Branches of SGA.

- b. The Executive and Legislative Branches will have one week to review the proposed amendment, after which the amendment will be put to the vote of the general student body.
- c. An Open Forum meeting will take place within 2 weeks of the senate and executive review of the proposed amendment to inform the student body of the proposed amendment.
- d. An election for the adoption of the proposed amendment must take place within one month of receiving the proposed amendment.
- e. The amendment must be approved by 2/3rds of the general student body voting on the amendment.

All meetings and procedures, of the Student Government Association of Farmingdale State College, not specified in the Constitution shall be conducted according to the 11th edition of Robert's Rules of Order.