

The Constitution of the  
John Carroll University Student Union

We, the Students of John Carroll University, in order to govern our own affairs, to represent effectively, to coordinate activities between ourselves and the rest of the institutional university, to promote the internal unity and welfare of the entire student community and to protect the inherent rights and interests of the student body, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Student Union.

## **Article I**

### **Membership of the Student Union**

Sec. 1. All bonafide, registered students of John Carroll University who have been authorized to hold a John Carroll University student identification card shall be members of the Student Union of John Carroll University.

Sec. 2. Only members of the Student Union shall be entitled:

- a) to vote in all elections of or conducted by the Student Union;
- b) to hold elective or appointive office in the Student Union or in any undergraduate class.

Sec. 3. John Carroll University Student Senate Alumni who have been appointed, through the prescribed method, Student Union Senator for life hold a non-voting membership in the Student Union for their lifetime, unless it is revoked.

Sec. 4. The Student Union shall not discriminate against any person or group based on ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, intellectual perspective, nationality, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, or veteran status in any of its policies or practices.

## **Article II**

### **The Student Union Senate**

Sec. 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Student Union Senate.

Sec. 2. The Senate shall be composed of each member of each undergraduate Class Board.

Sec. 3. The Student Union Senate shall have the following rights and powers:

- a) The Student Union Senate shall be the only student organization which can represent the entire student body at John Carroll University;
- b) to recommend through appropriate legislation the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct;
- c) to recommend changes in the rules and regulations governing the entire university;
- d) to recommend rules and regulations governing buildings or any facilities which may be placed under Student Union administration and operation by the properly designated campus authority;
- e) To approve and allocate all Student Union budgets and revenue;
- f) to approve all student appointments as specified in the various by-laws;
- g) to set qualifications for candidates for any elective or appointed office of the Student Union;
- h) to establish such special committees as may be necessary to the effective operation of the Senate and to make them responsible to the Senate;
- i) to establish such special committees as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Hearing Board and to make them responsible to the Hearing Board;
- j) to make all laws necessary to carry out the foregoing powers and any other powers vested by this Constitution of the Student Union.
- k) to impeach the President of the Student Union by a two-thirds majority vote for failure to appropriately fulfill his or her designated responsibilities set forth in the Constitution. The Hearing Board may also be used if necessary.
- l) The Student Union Senate has the ability to appoint a John Carroll University Student Union Senate Alumni to be a Student Union Senator for Life.

1. To be eligible for this appointment the Alumni must have been a member of the John Carroll University Student Union Senate or Executive Board for the duration of at least two full terms, who have graduated or are in their second semester of their final semester from John Carroll University, and had exemplified service and the John Carroll University mission throughout their time in the Student Union.

2. A formal appointment bill must be presented to the Student Union Senate and requires a 2/3 majority vote of those present and voting.

3. A Student Union Senator for Life gains the following privileges:
  - i. To be seated with Senate during meetings and speak on issues being brought up.
  - ii. To receive copies of the Minutes and Student Union Newsletters.
  - iii. To be invited to the Inauguration Ceremony as well as the State of the Union address.
  - iv. To participate in Student Union committee meetings with the approval of the President of the Student Union.
4. A Student Union Senator for Life may not:
  - i. Count towards quorum
  - ii. Vote on Student Union Business
  - iii. Be a sponsor of legislation
5. Any Student Union Senator for Life appointment may be revoked by the Student Union Senate by a 2/3 majority vote of those members present and voting.

n) to, along with the Student Union Executive Board, decide any and all organizational issues relating to the student body.

Sec. 4. The term of office for Senators serving as members of an undergraduate Class Board shall hold office from their election until the inauguration of their successor.

Sec. 5. Members of the Senate shall be elected such that the exact date and procedures of elections be determined by the Elections Committee as within Articles II, III, and IV of the Elections Code.

Sec. 6. Vacancies on Class Boards, save those of the Class President of a class, shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- a) The affected Class Board is to create an application for the vacant position and advertised to their respective Class.

b) The Class Board is to choose a person to fill the vacancy out of the applicant pool by a majority vote of the Class Board. Only in the case of a tie, the Class President shall make the final decision.

c) Any appointment chosen by the Class Board to fill the vacancy is subject to the approval of the Student Union Senate, through a bill of appointment, according to the appropriate voting procedures.

Sec. 7. All members of the Senate shall be entitled to one vote. A student can hold only one seat in the Senate. Proxy or absentee votes shall not be permitted. Executive Officers shall not be empowered to vote in the legislative process, save the Executive Vice President who shall be empowered to vote on legislation in the event of a tie in the Senate.

Sec. 8. Stipulations for absences of Senators shall be the following:

a) any Senator with five or more excused absences from regularly scheduled Senate meetings, Advocacy Committee meetings, or any other mandatory events as defined by the president per term shall be subject to a hearing of the Hearing Board. Excused absences shall be determined by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs of the Student Union. Vacancies in the Senate shall be filled as stated in Section 6 of this Article.

b) any senator meeting with the Vice President for Judicial Affairs because of five or more absences or an unexcused absence may face the following actions:

i) the first absence in violation of the above stipulations may be sanctioned with the discretion of the hearing board.

ii) the second absence in violation of the above stipulations may be sanctioned with a suspension of his/her term for the remainder of the current semester.

iii) the third absence in violation of the above stipulations may be sanctioned with removal from his/her position.

c) absences are determined during all role calls; however, a Senator must be present from the time the meeting comes to order until the time of adjournment, unless other adequate arrangements have been made with the Vice President of Judicial Affairs of the Student Union.

d) a Senator shall not be considered absent if a proxy who is a member of the same class, and is registered with the Vice President of Judicial Affairs before the meeting sits for him or her for the duration of the senate meeting. The alternate has no vote. This may happen twice per term.

Sec. 9. The following provision shall be established for meetings of the Senate:

- a) the Senate of the Student Union shall meet once a week on Tuesday at 5:00 PM in the specified room.
- b) special meetings of the Senate may be called by the President of the Student Union, providing that due notice is given to all members of the Senate;
- c) all meetings of the Senate shall be open to the faculty, administration, and student body of John Carroll University, unless otherwise designated by the Student Union Senate.

Sec. 10 The following shall be the responsibilities of Senators:

- a) To sit one office hour a week. Senior Class Senators in their Spring Semester are only required to sit two office hours a month;
- b) Each Class Board is required to plan and execute at least one class program per semester;
- c) To attend their Class Board Meetings as set-up by the Class President. If a Senator is absent for more than three meetings then the Hearing Board shall hold a hearing to determine the person's status as Senator of the Student Union;
- d) To participate in and serve on the advocacy committee he/she is appointed to by the President of the Student Union.
- e) Each Advocacy Committee is required to plan and execute at least one program per term;
- f) Each Class shall reach out to their constituents to find events and issues relevant to them.

## **Article III**

### **The Student Union Executive Board**

Sec.1. All executive powers herein shall be vested in the Student Union Executive Officers who are the President, the Executive Vice President, Vice President for Business Affairs, Vice President for Judicial Affairs, Vice President for Student Organizations, Vice President for Programming and Vice President for Communications of the Student Union. The following are the duties of each executive officer:

- a) serve a minimum of six office hours per week;
- b) attend all general meetings;

- c) attend all executive officer meetings;
- d) attend all major SUPB events as specified by the Vice President for Programming;;
- e) attend all advisor meetings on a weekly or bi-weekly basis;
- f) attend all retreats, leadership development training programs, officer transitions and workshops;
- g) attend all special events: Inauguration, State of the Union address, and any others as decided by the executive officers and/or advisor with exemptions being approved by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs;
- h) may not serve as a chairperson of a major program or event;
- i) maintain an updated and organized executive board officer transition document for each of their respective positions.
- j) check JCU e-mail daily and respond to requests in a timely fashion;
- k) check executive board mailboxes in the office daily;
- l) Check and respond to pertinent E-Mails at least once every two weeks over the summer.
- m) each executive officer reserves the right to request a bill of impeachment and removal of a fellow executive officer, with a two-thirds majority approval from the Senate.

Sec. 2. The following shall be the powers and the duties of the President of the Student Union:

- a) he or she shall take an oath of office at the beginning of his or her term and shall administer the oath of office to his or her successor;
- b) he or she shall be the Chairperson of the Student Union Senate;
- c) he or she shall be the official representative of the student body of John Carroll University on all occasions;
- d) he or she shall be the chief executive officer of the Student Union;

- e) he or she shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Student Union, and in that capacity, shall have the ability to formulate official policy for the Student Union;
- f) he or she shall be responsible to communicate Student Union legislation to the appropriate people and, when applicable, to enforce the decisions of the Hearing Board;
- g) he or she shall have the right of veto over all enacted legislation within one week of enactment. The veto must be submitted to the floor of the Senate in writing, explaining the veto, at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Senate may only override a Presidential veto which it has passed, by a two-thirds majority vote with two-thirds of the members being present and voting within this meeting of Senate or the next,
- h) he or she must sign an official copy of all Senate legislation within one week of enactment unless he or she exercises his or her veto. If a veto is overridden, the bill becomes law regardless;
- i) he or she has the authority to conduct meetings of the executive board;
- j) he or she has the responsibility of giving an acceptance speech at his or her Inauguration, a State of the Union address, and a departure speech at the Inauguration of the executive board-elect;
- k) in consultation with the Executive Vice President, he or she will be responsible for appointing student representatives to all University committees and Board of Directors subcommittees, subject to Senate approval;
- l) he or she shall be required to lead and attend all regularly scheduled Student Union Senate meetings;
- m) sit on Board of Directors as student representative;
- n) sit on one Board of Directors sub-committee;
- o) sit on University Strategic Planning Group as student representative;
- p) supervise the actions of the Executive Board of the Student Union;
- q) in consultation with the Executive Vice President, organize Senate advocacy committees;
- r) appoint chairs and vice chairs of student advocacy committees pending Senate approval;

- s) assign senators to student advocacy committees on basis of their interest;
- t) assign student issues to advocacy committees at each weekly senate meeting when necessary;
- u) meet with the Vice President for Student Affairs once a month, minimum;
- v) coordinate the planning of executive retreats and transitions;

Sec. 3. The following shall be the duties of the Executive Vice President:

- a) act as the chief assistant to the president on all pertinent matters, including policy decisions;
- b) consult with the president on student representative appointments to all University committees and Board of Directors subcommittees, subject to Senate approval;
- c) consult with the president on the organization and make-up of Senate advocacy committees;
- d) serve as acting president during times of the president's absence;
- e) serve out the term of the president should he or she resign or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Office of the President of the Student Union;
- f) work with the Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Vice President of Communications to maintain an updated copy of the Student Union Constitution;
- g) To assist the President in maintaining a structured senate meeting based on the descriptions set forth by Robert's Rules of Order;
- i) uphold policies and responsibilities of senators set forth in the constitution;
- j) promote the State of the Union Address and Inauguration Ceremony to the John Carroll University community and oversee the planning of these events;
- k) to take appropriate actions in order to maintain the functionality of the Student Union Office which can include, but are not limited to, purchasing of supplies, maintenance of equipment, and purchasing of necessary additions;
- l) serve as Student Union liaison between the Student Union and all other facets of the University.
- m) to coordinate the planning of Senate Training Day



o) he or she shall be the Student Union Parliamentarian and is responsible, in that capacity, to perform the following duties:

1. to aid all students in the classification and presentation of all bills presented during Student Union meetings;
2. to work with the Student Union by holding a seminar detailing the parliamentary procedures of the Student Union, at the soonest possible date after the inauguration of each class' new officers;
3. to have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order;
4. to be a reference for the President or presiding officer during meetings.

p) Decisions made by the Executive Vice President in this capacity shall not be binding and shall not be considered to deprive the President or the presiding officer of any authority granted by Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec.4. The following shall be the duties of the Vice President for Business Affairs:

- a) prepare Student Union budget for term;
- b) present and gain approval of budget from Student Union Senate
- c) facilitate the SAFAC group through its annual review process of the student activity fee
- d) maintain the budget based on the plan for the term;
- e) update student organizations on their current balances;
- f) monitor the business affairs of student organizations;
- g) handle all check requests and purchase orders, ensuring that appropriate amount of money is in the account;
- h) learn and be proficient with the computer system "Banner"
- i) hold information sessions for all organizations to explain Banner and the check requests system each semester;
- j) maintain an accurate account of all aspects of the Student Union budget;
- k) present a budget every two weeks at Senate meetings;

l) to include yearly compensation figures, not exceeding \$8000 of the annual Student Union budget, for Executive Board officers in the annual budget proposal.

m) send memo of the SOBB allocations to the Business Office

n) to make an effort to attend all SOBB meetings

Sec.5.The following shall be the duties of the Vice President for Judicial Affairs:

a) appoint eight additional justices to serve on the Student Union Hearing Board;

b) advise and attend all Election Committee meetings;

c) serve as Chief Justice on the Hearing Board, and ensure a confidential and an unbiased hearing process in accordance with the Student Union governing documents and the university's Community Standards Manual and other set policies.

Sec.6. The following shall be the duties of the Vice President for Student Organizations:

a) chair and schedule meetings of this board on a bi-weekly basis

b) oversee activities of the board, including but not limited to constitution approval, organization maintenance, and Student Organizations Budget Board (SOBB)

c) inform student organization representatives of meetings via e-mails

d) collect budget request forms from all recognized organizations

e) lead SOBB meetings on a regular basis and facilitate votes on all budgets

f) send memo after each meeting to the Vice President for Business Affairs detailing the results of previous meetings

g) facilitate voting for Of the Year Awards

h) to be a resource for all student organizations to utilize. This includes, but is not limited to, help in facilitating communication between organizations, navigating the funding process, advertising, booking locations, and facilitating relations between student organizations and University administration, faculty, and staff.

i) to hold and lead at least one mandatory meeting with recognized student organizations' presidents per semester. The meetings should focus on, but are not limited to, organization training, collaboration, communication, and a format for

organization feedback. The Vice President for Student Organizations shall also submit a report of the meetings to the Senate promptly after they occur.

- j) the unilateral authority to approve or deny funding requests totaling under \$200.00 with a total not exceeding \$1,000.00 per semester and \$2,000.00 per Fiscal Year.

Sec.7. The following shall be the duties of the Vice President for Programming:

- a) perform the role of Vice President for Programming of Student Union Programming Board, and shall represent the organization in any official capacity as such;
- b) provide and develop long-term goals and strategies for the Programming Board;
- c) develop a calendar of programming events, with the aid of the SUPB Executive Board, which includes dates, times, facilities, and costs, to be made public and kept updated;
- d) oversee the planning of the major programming events, including Homecoming, Winter Formal and Spring Concert;
- e) facilitate weekly Student Union Programming Board meetings;
- f) supervise the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, facilitating meetings of these individuals to be collectively known as the Programming Board Executive Board;
- g) attend weekly advising meetings with the Assistant Director of Student Activities;
- h) to adhere to the guidelines set forth in the SUPB Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec 8. The following shall be the duties of the Vice President for Communication:

- a) call roll at weekly Student Union meetings
- b) oversee the compilation of the Student Union Newsletter
- c) facilitate communication between the Student Union and The Carroll News
- d) oversee the updating and running of the Student Union webpage
- e) compile the weekly agenda for Student Union Meetings

- f) coordinate projects and events that would increase communication with the student body in coordination with the rest of the Executive Board.
- g) serve as the webmaster for the Student Union.
  - i) The webmaster is responsible for updating the Student Union website and social networking on an as needed basis,
  - ii) students should report all website issues to the Vice President for Communication,

Sec.9. The President of the Student Union shall report on the State of the Union annually to a combined session of the Student Union Executive Board, Senate, Programming Board, Student Organization Budget Board, and Hearing Board, as well as other members of the University community.

Sec.10. The President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Business Affairs, Vice President for Judicial Affairs, Vice President for Student Organizations, Vice President for Programming, and Vice President for Communications of the Student Union shall be elected such that the exact date and procedures of elections be determined by the Elections Committee as within Articles I, III, and IV of the Elections Code.

Sec.11. A motion for the impeachment of any executive officer of the Student Union shall be presented, in the form of a bill, during the course of a regular meeting of the Senate, discussed thoroughly, and then voted upon as the first order of business at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate. Two-thirds of the entire membership of the Senate must be in favor of the motion to carry it.

Sec.12. All vacancies in the elected executive offices of the Student Union, except that of President, shall be filled by an application and interview process to be undertaken by the members of the Executive Board. Once a nominee is selected by the President with majority approval of the Executive Board, his or her appointment to the vacant position will be presented to the Senate in the form of a bill, pending Senate approval by a two-thirds majority with two-thirds present and voting.

Sec.13. If the President resigns or is otherwise unable to fulfill the duties his or her office, then the officer of the Student Union who is highest on the following list shall act as President upon his or her resignation from his or her vice presidency: Executive Vice President, Vice President for Business Affairs, Vice President for Judicial Affairs, Vice President for Student Organizations, Vice President for Programming, and Vice President for Communications.

- a) Vice Presidential vacancies created by the execution of this section shall be filled according to Sec.12 of this article.

Sec.14. The following shall be the qualifications of the positions on the Executive Board of the Student Union:

- a) a 2.7 grade point average is required. They may not earn a GPA below a 2.7 for each semester in office and they must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.7 when they submit to become a candidate for office;
- b) the President of the Student Union must have at least four semesters of experience as a Student Union Senator, or at least two semesters of experience as an Executive Board Member, or at least two semesters as a Student Union Senator and experience on the executive board in a different student organization for one semester as recognized by the Vice President for Student Organizations;
- c) the Executive Vice President must have at least two semesters of experience in the Student Union as a Student Union Senator or Executive Board Member by the time he/she would take office;
- d) the Vice President for Judicial Affairs must have at least two semesters of experience on the Student Union Hearing Board by the time he/she would take office;
- e) the Vice President for Programming must have at least two semesters of experience on the Programming Board Executive Board by the time he/she takes office;
- f) the Vice President for Student Organizations must have two semesters of experience as an Executive Board Member for a recognized student organization, a member of the Student Organization Budget Board, a member of the Student Organization Review Board, a member of the Student Union Senate, or a member of the Student Union Executive Board by the time he/she would take office.
- g) the judicial record of all candidates for the Executive Board must be reviewed by the Dean of Student's office before the election.
- h) the Vice President for Business Affairs must have been an active student at John Carroll University for two semesters.
- i) must be an active student during the term he or she has been elected to serve, except in the case of an unforeseen circumstance.
  - a. in the occurrence of absence from campus during nominations for Executive Board positions, a proxy may accept a nomination for the absent student per the terms in the Elections Code,

- b. if such an unforeseen circumstance were to arise, the officeholder holds the option to remain in office and appoint a proxy to fulfill his or her on-campus duties in his or her absence.

Sec. 15. The following provision shall be established for meetings of the Executive Board:

- a) the Executive Board of the Student Union shall meet once a week on Thursday at 5:00 PM in a specified location.
- b) special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President of the Student Union, providing that due notice is given to all members of the Senate;
- c) all meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to the faculty, administration, and student body of John Carroll University, unless otherwise designated by the Student Union Senate.

## **Article IV**

### **The Student Union Programming Board**

Sec.1. All programmatic aspects of the Student Union shall be vested in the Student Union Programming Board.

Sec.2. The Programming Board shall offer activities and diverse programming to the student body on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. These can include, but are not limited to, comedians, musicians, speakers, movies, on-campus performers, and community-building events.

Sec.3. The Programming Board shall be responsible for the execution of the four major programming events during the academic year: Fall and Spring concert(s), Homecoming, and Winter Formal.

Sec.4. Any student is eligible to become a general member of the Programming Board.

Sec.5. The Programming Board falls under the leadership of the Vice President for Programming.

- a) he or she shall be elected by the student body in the Executive Board General Elections as stipulated in Article I, Section 4 of the Elections Code.
- b) he or she shall have served on the Executive Board of the Programming Board for at least one year.

Sec.6. The Programming Board shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Vice President for Programming, a Board of Directors, and Committee Chairpersons.

- a) this board must communicate regularly and meet weekly during the academic year, or more often as deemed necessary, to ensure the proper execution of the Programming Board's events.

Sec.7. The Programming Board shall hold a meeting for all team members Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. every week during the academic year at a specified location.

- a) the Vice President for Programming shall preside over these meetings unless otherwise directed.
- b) All meetings of the Programming Board shall be open to the faculty, administration, and student body of John Carroll University, unless otherwise designated by the Student Union Vice President for Programming.

## **Article V**

### **The Hearing Board of the Student Union**

Sec. 1. All conduct powers herein granted shall be vested in the Hearing Board of the Student Union.

Sec. 2. The Hearing Board shall have a chairperson.

- a) he or she shall be elected in the same manner and with the same qualifications as the Student Union President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Business Affairs, , Vice President for Student Organizations (fixed spelling), Vice President for Programming, and the Vice President for Communications. The exact date and procedures of this election shall be determined by the Elections Committee as within Articles I, III, and IV of the Elections Code.

- b) he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall direct its activities.

- c) he or she shall be responsible to guarantee substantive due process in all cases heard before the Board and to investigate any alleged violations of substantive due process in all matters coming before any other University court.

- d) he or she shall be responsible for reviewing and/or revising the Student Code of Conduct as the Chairperson of the Hearing Board; any revisions made are subject to majority approval of the Senate before publication, according to the appropriate voting procedures.

e) he or she shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled Student Union Senate meetings;

f) he or she will be responsible for codifying all passed legislation at Senate meetings (i.e., having all approved bills signed by the President and Executive Vice President and then applying the Student Union star and seal at the bottom), as well as maintaining a binder of all codified Senate legislation for the duration of his or her term in office;

Sec. 3. At the start of each term the Chief Justice of the Hearing Board shall appoint eight additional students to the Student Union Hearing Board and have the option to appoint up to two students to serve as alternates. One of the eight, that is not an alternate, shall be designated as vice chairperson. These recommendations are to be proposed in a bill of appointment at a regular meeting of the Senate. Majority approval of the Senate, according to the appropriate voting procedures, is required for confirmation of each appointment.

a) The Chairperson of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall direct its activities.

b) No member of the Hearing Board may sit in the Student Union Senate, on the Executive Board (save the Hearing Board Chair), on the Elections Committee, or on any other student or University court (save the Hearing Board Chair);

c) In case of resignation or any other vacancies on the Board, the Chairperson will recommend at least one person to fill out the un-expired term subject to the appointment procedures above.

d) All board members are eligible for re-appointment to the Board according to the appointment procedures above.

Sec. 4. Stipulations for a quorum of the Hearing Board are as follows:

a) a quorum shall consist of five members when nine comprise the membership of the Board;

b) a quorum shall include either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson;

c) when exigencies occur such that less than nine members have been seated, a quorum shall consist of at least a simple majority of the existing Board membership.

Sec. 5. The Hearing Board Chair of the Student Union, as Chairperson of the Hearing Board, can dismiss, or ask for the resignation of any member of the Board due to three or



more unexcused absences, severe negligence, or other dereliction of his or her duties as a Justice.

Sec. 6. The Hearing Board of the Student Union shall have the following rights and powers:

- a) to act as a court in all student disciplinary cases referred to it by the Dean of Students;
- b) have the power of judicial review on already enacted legislation subject to the appropriate procedures of the Student Union (Art. X of the Hearing Board Procedures Act of 1968). "Already-enacted legislation" in this case means all acts that have been finally enacted by the Senate, including overriding a veto if one has been exercised;
- c) to validate all elections of or conducted by the Student Union only when called upon to do so by a majority vote of the Senate, according to the appropriate voting procedures;
- d) to recommend changes in the Student Code of Conduct to the Senate for consideration;
- e) to determine its own procedures for effecting the above duties subject to the majority approval of the Senate, according to the appropriate voting procedures;
- f) to review all legislation referred to it by the Student Union Senate for accuracy and legitimacy in accordance with this Constitution,
- g) to interpret the Student Union Constitution when such a need arises that could be due to, but not limited to, obscurity, confusion, or assumption of an implied power.

## **Article VI**

### **Amendments**

Sec. 1. Any amendments to the Constitution shall be:

- a) proposed in the form of a bill and discussed at one meeting of the Senate;
- b) to be tabled till at least the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate; and finally voted upon at a regular meeting of the Senate.

Sec. 2. A two-thirds vote of the Senate, according to the appropriate voting procedures, with two-thirds of the members being present and voting, shall be necessary to make any amendment to this Constitution.

Sec. 3. Amendments will be attached to this Constitution at the end of it and, if applicable, in the appropriate location in the text. Amendments must also be approved by the University where they affect the basic structure of the Student Union, its powers, or its relations with other areas of the University.

## **Article VII**

### **Codification of Legislation**

Sec. 1. All approved legislation of the Student Union shall be signed after each session by the President and Executive Vice President, and then codified by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs of the Student Union, and shall be binding on all members of the Student Union.

Sec. 2. All violations of the constitution or any enacted legislation shall be referred to the Hearing Board by any member of the Student Union for consideration.

## **Article VIII**

### **Constitutional Authority**

This Constitution is the highest organization Constitution and the highest student-government authority.

The amendments of this Constitution, adopted by the Student Union Senate in Senate Act A-17-S67 on April 18, 1967, and as revised in Senate Act A-1-F67, on September 12, 1967, as well as Article III, Section 3, subsection (m), as adopted in Senate Act A-21-F67, on October 10, 1967, have been incorporated into this text and have been sanctioned and approved by John Carroll University, this 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

## **Article IX**

### **Constitutional Review**

Sec. 1. A committee will convene for the purpose of reviewing this Constitution and other Student Union governing documents.

a) The committee will consist of the Executive Vice President, two (2) senators, two (2) Executive Board members of the Student Union Programming Board other than the Vice President for Programming, the Elections Committee Chairperson, a justice of the Hearing Board other than the Chief Justice, and a student at large.

b) The committee will elect a chair other than the Executive Vice President.

c) The members of the committee, with the exception of the Executive Vice President and Elections Committee Chairperson (OMIT as being elected positions), will be appointed as follows: the two (2) senators and student at large will be appointed by the Executive Vice President; the two (2) Executive Board members of the Student Union Programming Board will be appointed by the Vice President for Programming; the justice of the Hearing Board will be appointed by the Vice President for Judicial Affairs; a member of the Student Organization Budgeting Board will be appointed by the Vice President for Student Organizations.

Sec. 2. The following shall be the duties of the committee:

a) to review the Constitution, Elections Code, and General By-Laws of the John Carroll University Student Union for inaccuracies, syntax errors, relevancy, and needed additions.

b) to propose amendments in bill form for the aforementioned documents to come before the full senate.

Sec. 3. The committee will convene according to these stipulations:

a) The committee will convene during the Fall Semester of every odd-numbered year.

b) Any amendments proposed by the committee must be proposed to the Student Union Senate by the second regularly scheduled meeting of October.

c) The Executive Vice President shall take the initial steps to convene and organize the first meeting of Constitutional Review Committee.

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Amendments

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