

Constitution of The Student Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology

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Article I – Name and Insignia

Section 1 – Name

The name of the organization shall be “The Student Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology”, which shall hereafter be referred to as “Student Council”.

Section 2 – Insignia

The official Insignia of Student Council shall be as shown in the following image.



Section 3 – Logo

The official Logo of Student Council shall be as shown in the following image.



Article II – Purpose and Honor Code

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of Student Council shall be to:

1. Represent the interests of the Student Body in student, University, and governmental affairs.

2. Provide services that improve the quality of life of Missouri S&T students.
3. Keep the student body informed of relevant issues.
4. Oversee and regulate student activities, organizations, and funds in the interest of the student body.
5. Maintain a positive relationship between the student body, campus administration, and the local community.
6. Serve as the chief representative body of students at Missouri S&T.

Section 2 – Honor Code

We the students of the Missouri University of Science and Technology support this Honor Code to represent our ideals and values as individual students as well as a unified Student Body. We shall hold ourselves to a high standard of integrity both on campus and off, seeking to uphold this high standard of conduct and encourage such attitudes and actions in others.

We believe that the most important aspects of a strong moral code are based in Honesty and Respect. These values are defined as followed:

1. Honesty: In the ideal student, honesty is represented by the attitude of individuality. This is represented by a student constantly striving to perform all work themselves and to credit all statements, ideas, references, etc. where it is due. A student also has the responsibility to ensure prevention of any academic dishonesty (i.e.: cheating, copying homework, etc.). A student must also refrain from using any sources or methods of completion that are unadvised and/or forbidden by individual instructors or campus standards. Lastly, Honesty is intrinsically based on Respect which is our next core belief in this Honor Code.
2. Respect: Respect is important in every aspect of life. On this campus, it is vital for every student to respect themselves, other students, and all university employees. This entails accepting and obeying requests by campus officials and instructors, so long as such request is within the proper bounds of their position, and respecting the opinions and differences of other students while seeking to understand those differences, as opposed to than causing conflict. Students must also respect the educational processes of this campus, including instructor's lessons and the performance and study habits of other students, and refrain from any other act that could have a negative impact on some form of intellectual development. Students should show humility regarding any successes achieved, as well as maintain professionalism when dealing with disagreements.

In conclusion, we, as students, recognize that by following this Honor Code, we are representing the ideals of the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Through these ideals, we strive for self-improvement in both our character and intellect. We look to better our lives and the lives of those around us, and realize that with these simple values, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Article III – Powers of Student Council

Section 1 – Power to Allocate Funds

1. Student Council shall recommend allocation of funds, equipment, facilities, and other resources available for student use or provided by the Student Body.
2. Student Council shall have access to all records pertaining to these resources.

Section 2 – Power to Revoke RSO Status

1. Student Council may request that the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs or their designee revoke the constitution of any organization in the situation such action would be warranted.
2. Such a recommendation shall require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of Student Council.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Any currently enrolled student of Missouri S&T shall be eligible to be a member of Student Council.

Section 2 – Membership Classes

The following are the classes of membership: Seated Representative, Representative at Large, and Speaking Member. No member may fall into multiple classes of membership.

Section 3 – Seated Representatives

1. All Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs), or University Departmental Organizations (UDOs) as defined by the Department of Student Involvement shall be eligible to receive seats.
 - a. At the end of the fall and spring semesters, a list of all registered organizations and the number of members of each organization shall be acquired from the Department of Student Involvement as reflected in their official organization and membership database.
 - b. Seats for the following semester shall be allocated to eligible organizations based on the following formula:
 - i. 5-49 Members: 1 Seat
 - ii. 50+ Members: 2 Seats
2. All Academic Departments shall be allocated one seat.
 - a. At the beginning of the academic year or when there is a vacancy, students who have declared their intent to receive a degree from a particular department may nominate themselves to become the Department Representative for that department by contacting the Vice President of Operations or their designee.
 - b. If no student nominates themselves, a request will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the department's chair to nominate a student.
 - c. All nominees will then be approved by the Committee designated to that department or its overarching college, or by the Executive Committee if no such other Committee exists.
3. No representative shall be allowed to fill more than one seat.
4. The constituency of a Seated Representative shall be all the members of the group or organization they represent.
5. All Seated Representatives shall be able to vote in all General Meetings and Committee Meetings.

Section 4 – Representatives at Large

1. A member is eligible to become a Representative at Large once one of the following conditions is met. All references to 'semester(s)' in this section include semesters in which there are Regular Meetings scheduled.
 - a. The member has been a Speaking Member or Seated Representative for one full semester, with no unexcused absences, and conduct in Good Standing. The first General Meeting of the semester shall not count for the purpose of this rule if and only if the student registered as a Speaking Member after the first meeting and before the second meeting of the semester.
 - b. The member has been a Speaking Member or Seated Representative for two consecutive full semesters with both attendance and conduct in good standing.
2. Any member eligible to become a Representative at Large shall be contacted by the Vice President of Operations or their designee before the first meeting of the upcoming semester and asked if they would like to run for Representative at Large.
3. The number of Representatives at Large shall be limited to one-third (1/3) the number of seats allocated to (as opposed to filled by) Seated Representatives, rounded down.
 - a. No elections for Representatives at Large shall be held if the number of current Representatives at Large is at or above the limit.
 - b. If the sum of all candidate and current Representatives at Large is less than the specified limit, each candidate may be individually elected to a Representative at Large position by a majority vote.
 - c. If the sum of all candidate and current Representatives at Large is greater or equal than the specified limit, all candidates shall be informed and given the opportunity to withdraw their candidacy. If the discrepancy is resolved, voting will continue according to normal procedures. Otherwise, Voting Representatives will be permitted to select multiple candidates equal to the number of remaining Representative at Large positions. A candidate must receive a majority of votes to be elected, based on the number of ballots cast.
 - d. Should the maximum number of Representatives at Large decrease below the number of current Representatives at Large, no representatives shall be removed.
4. Any Officer who has served a complete term shall be granted Representative at Large status automatically and without election upon the expiration of their term. Representatives granted positions under this provision shall not count towards the limit of Representatives at Large. Officers removed during their terms shall not automatically become Representatives at Large.
5. A Representative at Large shall be automatically granted the same status for subsequent semesters in which they register without election, so long as they continue to be eligible to be a member of Student Council and they maintain Good Standing in both attendance and conduct. Should they fail to maintain Good Standing, they must be re-elected to the position.
6. The constituency of a Representative at Large shall be the entire Student Body, particularly those who may be underrepresented by organizations.
7. All Representatives at Large shall be able to vote in all General Meetings and Committee Meetings.

Section 5 – Speaking Members

1. Any student eligible for Student Council Membership may register to become a Speaking Member of Student Council.
2. All members of the Executive Committee who are not otherwise members of Student Council shall be considered Speaking Members.
3. The constituency of a Speaking Member shall be all the entire Student Body, particularly those who may be underrepresented by organizations.
4. Speaking Members shall not be permitted to vote at General Meetings but shall be entitled to speak.

Section 6 – Duties of Membership

Upon becoming a member of Student Council, each member shall:

1. Attend General Meetings of Student Council unless excused by the Student Body President or the Vice President of Operations.
2. Be active on and attend the meetings of at least one Student Council committee unless otherwise excused by the committee chair, the Vice President of Operations, or the Vice President of Operations' designee.
3. Voice the opinions of constituents during Student Council discussions and vote accordingly if eligible.
4. Inform constituents on the results of votes, issues and proceedings of Student Council, campus-wide activities, referendums, and other issues affecting the Student Body.
5. Assume any additional duties as assigned by the Executive Committee, the By-Laws, or Student Council.

Section 7 – Member Removal

1. All members shall hold their seat until the end of the Spring Semester, they resign, are expelled by Student Council, are replaced by their organization if applicable, or terminate their enrollment at Missouri S&T.
2. All representatives who wish to continue as members of Student Council must register for the new academic year beginning in the Fall Semester.
3. Provisions for the expulsion of members shall be defined in the By-Laws.

Section 8 – Proxies

1. All Voting Representatives who will be unable to attend a General Meeting may elect to send a Proxy in their place. Speaking Members may not send Proxies.
2. The Proxy must be eligible under Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution. Proxies for Seated Representatives must additionally be eligible under the rules of the organization holding the seat they will be filling.
3. The member unable to attend must notify the Vice President of Operations or their designee twenty-four (24) hours prior to the General Meeting the proxy will attend.

4. A proxy may not already be a Voting Representative of Student Council.

Section 9 – Organizations and Members in Good Standing

1. Any Organization in Good Standing shall:
 - a. Have a Seated Representative filling their organization's seat, though organizations eligible for more seats shall not be required to fill more than one (1),
 - b. Not have more than three (3) unexcused absences from General Meetings during an academic year,
 - i. An organization shall be marked unexcused from a meeting when it has no Seated Representative present at the meeting, except that
 - ii. An organization shall be excused from a meeting if all its Seated Representatives are marked as excused.
 - c. Not have any Seated Representatives with excessive committee absences as defined by the Committee Chair or their designee, and
 - d. Not be in violation of the Honor Code or any portion of Article IX of this Constitution.
2. Any Member in Good Standing shall:
 - a. Not have more than three (3) unexcused absences from General Meetings during an academic year,
 - b. Not have excessive committee absences as defined by the Committee Chair or their designee, and
 - c. Not be in violation of the Honor Code or any portion of Article IX of this Constitution.

Article V – Officers and Advisors

Section 1 – Officers

The following shall be the Officers of Student Council.

1. Student Body President
2. Vice President of Engagement and Outreach
3. Vice President of Operations
4. Vice President of Student Services
5. Vice President of Academic Affairs

Section 2 – Election of the Student Body President

1. The Student Body President shall be elected by a majority of votes cast during a Student Body Referendum.
2. Procedures and campaign rules for this election shall be further defined in the By-Laws.
3. The incoming Student Body President shall be sworn in by the chair of the meeting.

Section 3 – Election of Other Officers

1. Officers other than the Student Body President shall be elected by majority vote at the first Regular Meeting after the election of the Student Body President.
2. Additional election procedures and requirements shall be determined in the By-Laws.
3. Other Officers shall be sworn in by the chair of the meeting.

Section 4 – Oath of Office

All Officers shall be sworn in using the following Oath of Office:

I, [state your name], do earnestly affirm that while serving in the capacity of [President / Vice-President] of the Missouri University of Science and Technology Student Body, I will do everything in my power to serve that same Student Body, do my best to represent the interests of the Student Body to any party necessary, and work to foster the development of leadership among all students. To this I do so humbly attest.

Section 5 – Terms of Office

1. The terms of Officers shall begin the moment they are sworn into office and expire after the last Regular Meeting of the spring semester, upon them vacating or resigning from the office, or upon their removal.
2. Newly elected Officers shall be sworn in at the last Regular Meeting of the spring semester, or if elected to fill an immediate vacancy, sworn in immediately after their successful election is announced.
3. The term of office for all Officers, including the Student Body President, shall begin immediately once sworn in.
4. Between the time of their election and being sworn in, incoming Officers will shadow the outgoing Officers as to better transition into their positions.

Section 6 – Removal of Officers

1. Any Officer who commits any of the following acts shall be subject to a vote of removal.
 - a. The Officer does not fulfill their duties according to Article V, Section 8 of this Constitution.
 - b. The Officer fails to conduct themselves in a professional manner.
 - c. The Officer negatively represents Student Council or Missouri S&T.
 - d. The Officer fails to uphold the Honor Code.
 - e. The Officer commits any criminal offense.
2. Any member may start the removal process by speaking to the President or Advisor. The President or Advisor shall then decide whether the Officer should be voted upon for removal.
3. Any Officer being voted upon for removal will have the right to due process. They must be notified of the charges brought against them and provided with all available evidence at least ten (10) days before the removal vote is to take place. Evidence discovered within the ten (10) days before the trial must immediately be shared with the Officer in question. The Officer will be

given an opportunity to speak to the General Body in their defense and may have up to two witnesses speak on their behalf.

4. To remove an Officer, Student Council must find that, by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of Student Council, that the Officer in question has been proven by clear and convincing evidence to have committed the act for which they are charged.
5. An Officer who has been removed may request an appeal if either their right to due process was violated, or if new evidence has been acquired that was not available at the time the Officer was voted upon for removal.
6. After an Officer is removed, they are forbidden from serving as an Officer of Student Council unless they are reinstated through an appeal.

Section 7 – Line of Succession

1. In the event the Student Body President vacates their elected office, the Vice President of Engagement and Outreach shall assume the duties and office of the Student Body President for the remainder of the term.
2. In the event any other Officer vacates their office, the Student Body President shall appoint a student to temporarily assume the duties of that office. At the next General Meeting, nominations shall be opened for the vacant office.
3. In the event there is no sitting Vice President of Engagement and Outreach at the time the Student Body President vacates their office, the order of succession shall continue down the list of Officers as specified in Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution.
4. Any extensions to this Line of Succession shall be defined in the By-Laws.

Section 8 – Rights of Officers and Advisors During Meetings

1. Officers shall not vote during any General Meetings, except for the chair of the meeting, who may vote in specific circumstances as specified in the By-Laws.
2. Officers and Advisors may respond to requests made by members, but may not introduce, second, or object to motions.
3. Officers may speak as presenters of an item on the agenda.

Section 9 – Duties of Officers

1. The Student Body President shall be responsible for all actions of Student Council and shall:
 - a. Hold full executive authority in Student Council subject to the Executive Committee,
 - b. Act as chair at meetings of the Student Council when able,
 - c. Represent the student body in all inter-campus and extra-campus capacities as the Student Body President,
 - d. Report to the Student council regarding external issues,
 - e. Work in conjunction with the Vice President of Operations and members and the Executive Committee to prepare Student Council's budget,
 - f. Have authority to authorize and sign for expenditures within the Student Council budget,

- g. See that the Constitution and By-Laws of Student Council are followed,
 - h. See that the other Officers fulfill their responsibilities and hold them accountable for not doing so,
 - i. Enforce the Honor Code and any other Codes of Conduct established by Student Council,
 - j. See that the Student Council accomplishes its goals and fulfills its responsibilities and purposes,
 - k. Call special meetings of Student Council,
 - l. Appoint ad-hoc committees and executive assistants as defined in the By-Laws, and
 - m. Assume any additional responsibilities that the By-Laws or Student Council may demand.
2. The Vice President of Engagement and Outreach shall be responsible for ensuring that Student Council collects feedback from students, helps manage Student Council's presence, and shall:
- a. Be prepared to assume the duties of the Student Body President at any time,
 - b. See that the Student Body is represented and informed in campus decisions and affairs,
 - c. Report to the Student Council on campus issues,
 - d. Be responsible for publicity of issues and events outside of Student Council pertaining to Student Council or the Student Body of Missouri S&T,
 - e. Maintain publicity channels for Student Council,
 - f. Ensure that summaries of Student Council meetings are published and made available to all students to keep the Student Body informed of student affairs,
 - g. Recognize those members who have received Honor or Recognition awards from Student Council,
 - h. Assist prospective organizations through the registration process when requested,
 - i. Encourage all Missouri S&T students and organizations to seek representation, and
 - j. Assume any additional responsibilities that the Student Body President, By-Laws, or Student Council may demand.
3. The Vice President of Operations shall be responsible for overseeing all funding related to Student Council and record-keeping functions related to Student Council, and shall:
- a. See that all expenditures of Student Council funds, including expenditures of Student funds that have been appropriated to other organizations, are in accordance with University and Student Council policy and do not conflict with any budgets approved by the student Council,
 - b. See that all financial transactions of Student Council are executed in a timely fashion,
 - c. Use their signature to represent Student Council on all financial documents affecting Student Council funds,
 - d. Ensure Student Council has essential supplies and maintain the Student Council Office,

- e. Report regularly to the Executive Committee and Student Council on recent transactions involving Student Council funds and the general financial status of Student Council,
 - f. Oversee the eligibility of members for Honor and Recognition awards as defined in the By-Laws,
 - g. Oversee and approve the creation and distribution of agendas, minutes, and other official materials related to each meeting according to the requirements specified in the By-Laws,
 - h. Maintain and oversee a record of all Resolutions and Bills passed by Student Council,
 - i. Set the calendar of all Regular Meetings for each academic year, and ensure the calendar is available to all university affiliates no later than one week prior to the first Regular Meeting on the schedule,
 - j. Maintain the availability of up-to-date copies of this Constitution and the current By-Laws on the Student Council website for all Students to access,
 - k. Oversee the maintenance of the current membership or seat roster, the maintenance of attendance records, and the handling of all applications for membership,
 - l. Act as parliamentarian during General Meetings,
 - m. Ensure coordination between all operations of Student Council, and
 - n. Assume any additional responsibilities that the By-Laws or Student Council may demand.
4. The Vice President of Student Services shall be responsible for advocating for student services offered outside departments and organizations subsidized by Student Fees, and shall:
- a. Serve as a liaison with all Boards, Committees, and other decision-making groups which appropriate or recommend the appropriation of Student Activity Fee revenue,
 - b. Administer a campus concerns form and coordinate with the other Officers to ensure the efficient distribution of campus concerns form results among Committees,
 - c. Administer a yearly survey of the Student Body regarding their interests and feedback on the services provided to them,
 - d. Maintain other channels for students to express concerns and provide feedback,
 - e. Coordinate Student Council's efforts to improve the services provided to students,
 - f. Maintain communication with the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs,
 - g. Provide feedback and appropriate information to advise the Student Activity Finance Board with decision in allocating money for services, and
 - h. Assume any additional responsibilities that the By-Laws or Student Council may demand.
5. The Vice President of Academic Affairs shall be responsible for issues relating to the quality of instruction, the relationship between students and faculty, and the resources that support student success in academic areas, and shall:
- a. Maintain relationships with the Deans of the Colleges and the Vice Provost for Academic Support,

- b. Coordinate Student Council's efforts to improve academic services provided to students,
 - c. Gather student feedback regarding academic services,
 - d. Coordinate action rising from feedback on academic services,
 - e. Represent students on the Chancellor's Student Success Committee,
 - f. Assign student representation to the various Faculty Committees under the guidance of the Student Body President and Executive Committee,
 - g. Inform students of university-specific academic scholarship programs and encourage students to apply to those programs when eligible,
 - h. Represent the students in academic and university scholarship related affairs when requested, and
 - i. Assume any additional responsibilities that the By-Laws or Student Council may demand.
6. The Executive Committee members will be organized into Branches, with each Vice President managing one Branch. The branches and reporting structure from Executives to Officers shall be defined in the By-Laws.

Section 10 – Advisors

- 1. One to two (1-2) faculty or staff Advisors shall be elected by the Student Council. These Advisors must be defined by the university as seventy-five percent (75%) or more of Full Time Equivalent (FTE).
- 2. Advisors shall not be defined as members of Student Council but shall have the right to attend all official Student Council meetings or events, regardless of type.
- 3. Advisors, though not members, shall have the right to speak at General Meetings, but shall not be permitted to vote or create motions.
- 4. Advisors shall be elected by a simple majority vote of Student Council to four-year terms, staggered at two-year intervals.
- 5. The process for removing an Advisor shall be the same as indicated for Officers in Article V, Section 6 of this Constitution.

Article VI – General Meetings

Section 1 – Regular Meetings

- 1. Student Council shall hold Regular Meetings approximately every other week during the fall and spring academic semesters, provided an Officer is present to serve as chair.
- 2. The order in which the chair of the meeting is determined shall be the same as the Line of Succession as specified in Article V, Section 7 of this Constitution.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special Meetings of Student Council may be called by two methods.

- 1. The Student Body President may choose to call a special meeting at any time.

2. Upon the written request of at least twenty percent (20%) of Voting Representatives of Student Council the Student Body President must call a special meeting.

The following additional requirements shall apply when scheduling Special Meetings.

1. Student Council members must be notified of the topic, place, and time of a special meeting at least three (3) days before the meeting.
2. An agenda must be published to Student Council members twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
3. Only those items contained on the agenda shall be discussed or acted upon at the meeting. Items may not be added after the agenda is published.
4. The rules regarding the chairing of meetings shall be the same as those specified for Regular Meetings in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3 – Quorum

1. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Voting Representatives of Student Council.
2. Student Council may not take any actions at a meeting in which a quorum is not present.
3. Should it be discovered after a meeting that a quorum was not present, all actions taken shall be nullified until the next meeting at which they may either be approved or rejected.

Section 4 – Parliamentary Procedures

Unless conflicting with this Constitution, the By-Laws, or any other rules established by Student Council, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be used to determine all parliamentary procedure during General Meetings.

Article VII – Committees and Boards

Section 1 – Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Student Council. The membership of this committee shall be determined in the By-Laws.
2. The Student Body President shall serve as the chair of this committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet during the weeks on which there is no scheduled Regular Meeting, whenever possible. The committee must meet prior to all Regular Meetings of Student Council.
4. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the chair.

Section 2 – Standing Committees

1. The Standing Committees of Student Council shall be defined in the By-Laws.
2. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Officers.
3. Committee Chairs shall report to the Vice President of Operations (or their designee) when a member is consistently failing to appear at Committee Meetings and should be removed from Good Standing.

Section 3 – Ad-Hoc Committees

1. The Student Body President may at any point establish an Ad-Hoc Committee and appoint a chair.
2. Ad-Hoc Committees may be used for the committee requirements of members.
3. Ad-Hoc Committees shall expire at the end of the academic year.

Section 4 – Rights Regarding Committees

1. All members of Student Council shall have the right to sit in on any committee meeting.
2. Only assigned members of a committee shall have the right to speak or vote in committee meetings. The chair of a committee may grant others the permission to speak, but not to vote.

Section 5 – Boards

1. The Boards of Student Council shall be defined in the By-Laws and shall be separate Registered Student Organizations from Student Council.
2. Each Board shall have one Chair established in the By-Laws, who shall be a member of the Executive Committee. Rights of the Chair of each Board at Student Council Meetings shall be specified in the By-Laws.
3. Underneath any rules established for each Board in the By-Laws, Boards may develop their own Codes to create additional positions, rules, or requirements.
4. Membership on a Board shall not fulfill a Member's committee membership requirement.
5. All members of Boards must be students currently enrolled at Missouri S&T.
6. Members of Boards shall not be automatically considered to be members of Student Council.
7. Boards shall operate within this Constitution and the By-Laws established hereunder, apart from Article IX, Section 1.2 of this Constitution.
 - a. Boards shall be expected to define their own policy on alcoholic beverages in their Codes.
 - b. The policies implemented by each Board must be approved by the department of Student Involvement.

Article VIII – By-Laws

Section 1 – Establishment of By-Laws

1. Student Council shall adopt any By-Laws necessary to exercise the duties, responsibilities, and goals of Student Council.

Section 2 – Amendment of By-Laws

1. Amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in written form and may be submitted by any member, including Officers, of Student Council.
2. A majority vote of Student Council is required to amend the By-Laws.

Article IX – Rules, Regulations, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1 – Applicability of Laws and University Regulations

1. Student Council shall abide by all federal, state, and local laws and abide by the rules of the University.
2. Student Council shall not purchase, distribute, or advertise alcoholic beverages. All consumption of alcoholic beverages at any Student Council event must be done in accordance with campus and legal guidelines.

Section 2 – Conduct

1. Student Council and its members shall uphold the University of Missouri System's Standard of Conduct, the Student Council Honor Code, and any codes of conduct established by the university or by Student Council.
2. Student Council shall be responsible for behaving in a manner compatible with the university's standard for student organizations and Title IX federal laws. All forms of hazing, condoning or sanctioning of physical abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual violence towards prospective or current members are in violation of this policy and shall be immediately reported to the Office of Equity and Title IX or to the Office of Student Support and Community Standards for review and possible disciplinary action.

Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy

The Missouri S&T Student Council shall not discriminate against any student for reason, including but not limited to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, and any other status protected by applicable state or federal law.

Article X – Constitution Procedures

Section 1 – Ratification

1. This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Student Body in a special referendum with a majority of those voting constituting approval.
2. Upon ratification, this Constitution shall supersede any other Constitution previously in effect.

Section 2 – Proposal of Amendments

An amendment to this constitution which changes the meaning of a term or structure of the organization shall be proposed through one of two methods.

1. An amendment introduced to the General Body and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Student Council, which must be a counted vote.
2. A petition drafted by any student of Missouri S&T and signed by ten percent (10%) or more of the Student Body. All signatures must include the student's name and signature, as well as either their University E-Mail Address or Student ID Number.

Section 3 – Publication of Amendments

The full text of any proposed amendment shall be published at least one week prior to the beginning of the referendum in which it will be voted on. Publication shall include, but not be limited to, the following methods.

1. Direct publication by Student Council to its membership and to Registered Student Organizations.
2. Submission to the campus student newspaper if one exists.
3. Submission to the Department of Student Involvement for their consideration and records.
4. Submission to the campus newsletter if one exists.

Section 4 – Passage of Amendments

1. Constitutional Amendments must be approved by the Department of Student Involvement and the Executive Committee before they are voted on.
2. Amendments shall be submitted to a Student Body referendum, which shall take place during the week of September 15, the week before Thanksgiving Break, or the election of Student Body President. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast from the Student Body during such a referendum is required for passage.
 - a. In the event that an amendment needs to be approved prior to a Student Body referendum, it may be put before the vote of Student Council, which will require a unanimous decision of votes cast for passage. The amendment will be considered temporarily passed until the next opportunity for a Student Body referendum.
3. Amendments shall become effective immediately once passed.

Section 5 – Correction of Errors

1. Should it be discovered that a clerical error exists in this Constitution, or should a term or position need to be renamed, such corrections may be made with the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee, provided that the change:
 - a. Has no effect on the meaning of this constitution or any of its terms,
 - b. Does not change any interpretations of this constitution, and
 - c. Makes no alterations to the structure of Student Council.
2. Any changes made through this procedure must be presented at the next General Meeting, at which Voting Representatives shall have the opportunity to object to the change. If objections are made and not withdrawn, approval shall be subject to a majority vote.