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### **Section C: Procedures of PSA Council in Exercising its Legislative and Judicial Functions**

A quorum of the PSA Council shall be constituted by a majority of its members as listed in Article I, Section B. Unless otherwise provided by this Constitution, all legislative actions and judicial decisions of the PSA Council shall be decided by a majority of the PSA Council members listed in Article I, Section B present and voting. The Council shall determine at its first meeting each semester the dates and times of its meetings during months for which there are classes. The President when presiding or any other member presiding shall only vote in case of a tie. The agenda for any PSA Council meeting shall be set by the President and shall consist of at least any item submitted in writing to the President as well as any other item deemed appropriate by the President in consultation with the Executive Council. The agenda of a PSA Council meeting must be distributed by the Secretary no later than 24 hours prior to a PSA Council meeting.

### **Article V: Elections**

#### **Section A: Qualifications**

- a. Any person may be a candidate for office under this Constitution if that person:
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  2. Has attained a cumulative average not lower than that required for graduation; OR: be an entering student who has satisfied in full the entrance requirements of the University and the School without restriction; and
  3. Is enrolled for at least a minimum of three credit hours in the Fall and Spring semesters
- b. Middle and Graduating Year representatives must possess the appropriate number of hours according to their degree program upon successful completion of the Spring semester during which they seek election. A First year representative must be a student enrolling at Perkins for the first time in the Fall semester. Only students who are members of the respective year of their degree program shall vote for the respective. First, Middle, and Graduating Year representatives as appropriate based upon their enrollment status for the upcoming Fall semester.

#### **Section B**

their position as Election Commissioner. The Vice President is not required to resign from office. The vacant Commissioner or the chairperson position shall be filled as soon as possible by the President with the confirmation of the PSA Council at its next meeting. If no meeting is scheduled before an election or

absences, the Council shall order a special election for their position if the vacancy occurs before the Fall election.

If the vacancy occurs following the Fall election, the Executive Council, after considering applications for the vacancy, shall create a list of three nominees for a replacement to the PSA Council to fill the vacancy. A nominee shall be confirmed upon 2/3 vote of the PSA Council.

**Article VI:**

Council. Members of ad hoc committees who are not members of the PSA Council as defined by Article I, Section B shall not be entitled to vote at PSA Council meetings. Ad Hoc committees should give committee reports at each regularly scheduled council meeting be disbanded upon acceptance of any final report or final recommendation to the PSA Council or upon disbandment by the PSA Council at any time by majority vote.

## **Article VII: Impeachment**

### **Section A: Reasons for Impeachment: Failure to Perform Assigned Duties**

A member of the PSA Council, a PSA executive officer, a chair or member of any ad hoc committee shall only be impeached for failure to perform their duties. To initiate an impeachment proceeding, any member of the Association may file articles of impeachment specifically stating the failures of the person to perform their duties. The articles of impeachment must be signed by 20% of the Association. If the charges contained in the articles fail to allege specific failures to perform duties, the PSA Executive Council may upon majority vote require the articles of impeachment be re-submitted with additional specific facts detailing how the alleged person failed to perform their office. The Executive Council shall appoint a member of the Association who is not a PSA Council member to investigate the charges and report their findings to the Council at either the next regularly scheduled PSA meeting or at a specially called meeting for such purpose. Following the articles presentation and the presentation of a defense by the office holder, the PSA may impeach the office holder upon a 3/4 vote of the PSA Council.

### **Section B: Reasons for Impeachment: Failure to Attend Meetings**

A member of the PSA Council is automatically removed from office upon their secheirPtheir



**Article VIII: Organized Interest Groups (OIG)**

**Section A: Definition**

OIGs are groups of Association members with similar interests who have requested to be formally organized within the Perkins community to deepen the quality of academic, spiritual and social life outside the classroom.

**Section B: Approval Process**

A interest group shall be approved as an OIG when the PSA Council approves their formal organization and initial constitution by a 2/3 majority vote. To qualify for organization, an OIG must:

- a. Fulfill a function which the PSA Council in its discretion considers vital to the common life;
- b. Possesses a constitution providing for accountability to its members and to the PSA Council and Perkins community that is also on file with the Secretary and approved by the Council. The Constitution shall provide at least the following:
  - 1. A name and set of general purposes;
  - 2. operations;
  - 3. Reasonable requirements for interest group membership; and,
  - 4. A description of the organizations structure, including a chairperson, however titled, a treasurer, a representative to the PSA Council that may be the President or Treasurer, and any additional officers deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the OIG.

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Every Association member has the right to apply for and be considered for membership on any OIG. Any member of the Association refused membership in an OIG may appeal such decision to the PSA Council acting in its judicial function. The Council shall determine whether such refusal of membership was not in accordance with stated m remain members of the OIG for as long as they continue to meet the membership r approved constitution.

### **Section G: Rights of Association Members**

All members of the Association have the right to attend all meetings of all OIGs.

## **Article IX: Budget & Finances**

### **Section A: Sources of Income**

The sources of income for the Association shall be:

1. Other funds secured through the budget of the Perkins School of Theology;
2. Other funds secured from outside sources to support the PSA and its OIGs; and

### **Section B: OIG Budgets**

All OIGs shall submit to the Treasurer their budget request for the upcoming academic year no later than the last regularly scheduled PSA Council meeting. The outgoing Executive Council shall prepare a spreadsheet detailing

### **Section C: Tentative Fall Budget**

The incoming Executive Council shall propose a Tentative

3. The contact people for the fund are the President and Vice President. They confer with each other and confidentially handle all requests.
4. The President and Vice-President may authorize up to \$200 without Executive Council or PSA Council approval, except they may not authorize funds for themselves in any amount without PSA Council approval.
5. The Executive Council may approve amounts not exceeding \$500.
6. Any person requesting more than \$500 in a calendar year from the fund must have the approval of the PSA Council.
7. Funds are allotted to students in good faith. Each individual must decide whether or not they will be able to give all or some of the funds back to the PERF.

## **Article X: Ratification and Amendment**

### **Section A: Ratification Procedures**

This Constitution shall be ratified upon receiving a 2/3 majority of the vote cast by the Student Association in a referendum for that purpose in continuity with the pre-standing Constitution.

- a. The proposed Constitution shall be posted in a public place; and
- b. All Council members shall be given copies of the proposed Constitution.

### **Section B: Amendments to the Constitution**

Short of repealing the constitution, amendments may be proposed at any time during the regular school term by any Association member in writing to the President or by a motion in writing submitted by a member of the PSA Council. The proposed amendments must be submitted to the President no later than 7 days prior to the next regularly scheduled PSA Council meeting. The PSA President may in their discretion call a special meeting of the PSA Council to only consider the proposed constitutional amendments. Any called special meeting must take place no sooner than 7 days following the distribution of the proposed amendments to the PSA Council. The proposed amendments will be adopted upon a 2/3 vote of PSA Council members present and voting.

## **Article XI: Repeal**

The pre-standing Constitution and any laws of the Association in conflict with this Constitution are hereby repealed and declared null and void with ratification according to Article IX, Section A. Subsequent constitutional substitutions shall be valid so far as they conform to and include Article IX, Section A and Article X of this Constitution. Persons elected under prior the constitution shall be grandfathered into office for the first year under this Constitution.

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