

Student Government Association Constitution of the Ammerman, Eastern, Michael J. Grant
Campuses of Suffolk County Community College

Preamble:

The Student Government Association serves as the official student voice of the Ammerman, Eastern and Michael J. Grant Campuses, including all of their respective and future entities. The Student Government Association of each campus will recognize this Constitution as the ultimate authority. The Ammerman, Eastern, and Michael J. Grant Campuses, however reserve the right to form and recognize their own bylaws. There are two primary purposes of the Student Government Association. To advocate for all student's rights, responsibilities, and freedoms as well as to the general welfare of Suffolk County Community College students. To work as a liaison between the faculty, staff, administration and students to create a working parallel among them through the means of representation on college committees, voting to promote student interest, and all other means necessary.

Article I: Name

The representative body of the students of the Suffolk County Community College shall be known and referred to as the Student Government Association of the Ammerman Campus, Eastern Campus, and Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College.

Article II: Student Government Association Authority

The student body, to facilitate its duties, establishes the Student Government Association and delegates to it the authority to act on behalf of the student body. When approved by the student governments of Suffolk County Community College and by the Suffolk County Community College student body, this constitution shall be considered valid and supersede all other constitutions or documents, excluding bylaws, relating to student governance on each campus.

Article III: General Duties

Section 1. The Student Government Association is responsible for its own governance as long as it is recognized as advocating for the Student Body. The duties of the Student Government Association shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. The Student Government Association shall see that the rights and privileges of the students in academic and non-academic matters are rightfully advocated. This shall be done within the framework of the College Catalog and the Student Code of Conduct.
2. The Student Government Association shall allocate funds to the clubs of Suffolk Community College Association, Inc., to facilitate extracurricular activities and promote an active campus life.

3. The Student Government Association shall find student representatives and make recommendations to current campus/college committees and boards in order to protect the welfare of the students.

Article IV: Membership

Membership shall consist of an Executive Board of officers and members as outlined in the respective campus bylaws.

Section 1. President: The duties of the President of the Student Government Association shall be as follows:

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Student Government Association.
2. The President shall serve as primary campus contact for the SUNY Student Assembly

Section 2. Vice President: The duties of the Vice President of the Student Government Association shall be as follows:

1. In the absence of the President, whether temporary or extended, the Vice President shall assume the responsibility of the President of the Student Government Association. If the President, through removal or resignation, cannot continue his/her term of office, the Vice President shall assume the role of the President for the rest of the term.

Article V: Committees

The Student Government Association reserves the right to create standing and ad hoc committees to further develop the Student Government Association.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Government Association shall be established within the bylaws.

Section 2. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Board shall be established within the bylaws.

Section 3. All students are welcome to attend General Meetings. All meetings shall have an open forum where students may voice opinions or concerns if they wish.

Section 4. Robert's Revised Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure shall govern procedure at all meetings of the Student Government Association.

Section 5. A quorum shall be defined by each campus bylaws.

Section 6. There shall be no proxy vote.

Article VII: Elections

A general election shall be held by the standing Student Government Association each spring semester for upcoming Executive Board positions. Refer to bylaws for qualifications to campaign for a position on the Student Government Association.

Article VIII: Vacancies, Impeachment Termination.

Each campus bylaws shall address vacancies, impeachment and termination of membership.

Article IX: Advisor

Section 1. The Advisor of the Student Government Association shall be the Director of Campus Activities or his/her designee.

Section 2. The Advisor of the Student Government Association shall provide counsel to all members concerning any issues or topics pertaining to matters of the Student Government Association.

Article X: Nondiscrimination

The Student Government Association of Suffolk County Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, equal pay compensation-sex, national origin, military or veteran status, domestic violence victim status, criminal conviction or disability in its admissions, programs and activities, or employment. This applies to all employees, students, applicants or other members of the College community (including, but not limited to, vendors and visitors).

Retaliation against a person who files a complaint, serves as a witness, or assists or participates in the investigation of a complaint in any manner is strictly prohibited.

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Article XI: Referendum

Any student or group of students on any Suffolk County Community College Campus shall have the right to petition for a ballot on any act of the Student Government Association.

Article XII: Constitution and Amendment Ratification

Section 1.1 This Constitution, and every succession following, shall be in effect after the standing Student Government Association has passed a majority vote in favor of ratifying this Constitution.

Section 1.2 The Board of Trustees is the approving body of the Student Government Association Constitution and any subsequent amendment to the Constitution.