KANSAS STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

(REVISED 2016)

The students of Kansas State University Polytechnic, united in the belief that the goals of a democratic community can be furthered only by the citizenship habits, attitudes, skills, and knowledge acquired through experience; and that the degree of student development is likely to parallel closely the extent of responsibility which students carry for their own society, do hereby adopt this Constitution for the Kansas State University Polytechnic Student Governing Association (K-State Polytechnic SGA).
ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

101. Kansas State University Polytechnic Student Governing Association shall officially use the abbreviation K-State Polytechnic SGA for all official purposes where writing out the full name is impractical.

102. The purpose of the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall be the establishment and maintenance of student government, the enactment and enforcement of just laws, the levying of student privilege fees, and the promotion of such activities as are appropriate for the student body.

103. The K-State Polytechnic SGA, in pursuit of its stated purpose, shall act in accordance with the following principles: equality before the law; separation of powers; proportional representation; and universal suffrage.

104. This Constitution shall be understood to follow the general outlines of government and to define its important parts, while leaving the operational policies and details to be evolved from the development of these parts to attain the greatest good for the greatest number of the student body.

105. It is recognized that the President of the University is responsible to the Board of Regents for all phases of the university administration and that the authority for student personnel policies and/or practices emanates from him/her.

106. Source of Authority. Within the sphere of student activity (as limited in Section 104 above) the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall derive authority from the mandate of the student body.
ARTICLE II
ELECTIONS

201. Any person recognized by the K-State Polytechnic as a student at K-State Polytechnic (for fee purposes) shall be a member of the K-State Polytechnic student body, with the privilege of voting in such matters as are brought before the entire student body.

202. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for the equitable running of all K-State Polytechnic SGA elections and shall establish such campaigning regulations as they see fit.

203. Date of Elections

   A. The election date for all K-State Polytechnic SGA general elections shall be set to facilitate the Universitywide election for the University Student Body President (as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the KSU (Manhattan) SGA). In the absence of direction from the Manhattan Elections Committee, the election will be held on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week prior to spring break.

204. Definition of S.G.A. Elected Officials

   A. The K-State Polytechnic SGA elected officials and the elected offices shall be the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, and Student Senate Chair, and members of the Senate.

205. Eligibility of Candidacy.

   A. Student Body President and Student Body Vice President. Any member of the K-State Polytechnic SGA who is enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) hours, or six (6) hours if serving during last semester prior to graduation, and maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is eligible to be a candidate for Student Body President or Student Body Vice-President. A student who would not be able to serve out his/her full term due to a planned graduation from the college shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Student Body President or Student Body Vice President.

   B. Senators and Student Senate Chair. Any member of the K-State Polytechnic SGA who is enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is eligible to become a Senator or hold the position of Student Senate Chair. A student who would not be able to serve out his/her full term due to a planned graduation from the College shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Senator or Student Senate Chair. The Student may represent only the section in which he/she is enrolled (or in which he/she has declared a major), except in the case of the Student Senate Chair.
ARTICLE III
BRANCHES

301. The principal branches of the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall be the executive, legislative, and judicial.

302. To insure the consistency needed in the maintenance and operation of the K-State Polytechnic SGA, all branches (legislative, executive, and judicial) shall be responsible for keeping a record of rules, regulations, and the minutes of meetings.

303. Each branch shall form rules for carrying out its functions. New rules established by each branch must be passed with a 2/3 vote of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate. Appeals of constitutionality will be made to the Judicial Board through the Attorney General.
ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE

401. The executive power of the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall be vested in the Student Body President, assisted by the Student Body Vice President, and such administrative officers as the Student Body President shall appoint in accordance with this Article.

402. Terms of Office of the Student Body President and Vice President.

   A. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected for one (1) year by voice of the general membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA in such manner as shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

   B. No Student Body President shall be eligible for re-election to the position after serving two (2) terms in office.

   C. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be required to maintain a minimum of twelve (12) hours undergraduate credit during the fall and spring semesters to remain in office, with the exception of allowing six (6) hours undergraduate credit if serving the semester prior to graduation.

403. Succession of Power

   A. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall take office at the third (3rd) meeting of the K-State Polytechnic SGA following the general election.

   B. During such period, the outgoing Student Body President shall help prepare the Student Body President-Elect for office by giving such assistance and advice as may be requested within reason.

   C. Also, during such period, the outgoing Student Body Vice President shall help prepare the Student Body Vice President-Elect for office by giving such assistance and advice as may be requested within reason.

404. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall not, during the term of office, hold any other office in the K-State Polytechnic SGA or Residence Halls Association, except as outlined in the By-Laws to this Constitution.

405. In the case of the removal, death, resignation, inability or temporary absence of the Student Body President, succession shall be as set forth in Article 408 (A) (1), and then by the By-Laws to this Constitution.

406. Elected members of the Executive Branch of the K-State Polytechnic SGA may be removed from office through plea of impeachment by the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate and conviction by Judicial Board on charges of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.
407. Duties and Powers of the Student Body President.

A. Serve as Chief Executive of the K-State Polytechnic SGA.

B. Represent and protect the rights and interests of the student body.

C. Approve or veto all K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate legislation. The power to veto shall extend to all bills and resolutions passed by the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate except those bills and resolutions dealing with purely internal affairs of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate (approvals of appointments, bills of impeachment, standing rules, and resolutions expressing only the opinion of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate). Within eight days after passage, every bill or resolution requiring the approval of the Student Body President shall be presented to him/her. If the Student Body President approves the bill or resolution, he/she shall sign it. If the Student Body President does not approve the bill or resolution, the President shall return it to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate with a statement of objections, which shall be read into the record at the next meeting of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate. Whenever a veto message is so read, the Student Senate shall have eight days to reconsider the legislation and such action shall be deemed final. If two-thirds of the total membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate shall vote to pass the legislation, it shall take effect, regardless of the Student Body President's veto. If no written veto is transmitted to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate within eight days after presentation to the Student Body President, the legislation shall take effect as if the President had approved it.

D. Request the written interpretation of the Judicial Board on any provision of this Constitution, charter, or law pertaining to the student body, or any K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate act.

E. Examine the records of the Secretary of the K-State Polytechnic SGA, any administrative office of the K-State Polytechnic SGA and those of any committee formed by the K-State Polytechnic SGA (with the exception of judicial records). He/she may do so at any time.

F. Appoint, with the approval of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate, cabinet members (as specified in Section 409) who shall be responsible to the Student Body President for execution of their duties and subject to removal from office by him/her.

G. Appoint, or assign, designee student members of the Parking and Campus Safety Committee and the Appeals committee with the approval of the Parking and Campus Safety Committee.

H. Take care that all provisions of this Constitution and the laws of the K-State Polytechnic SGA are faithfully executed.

I. Delegate authority to cabinet members, but accept all responsibilities for the executive branch of the K-State Polytechnic SGA.

J. In the event legislation is rescinded by the Kansas State University Administration it shall be transmitted in writing to the K-State Polytechnic SGA
President who shall then present it to the Senate at the next scheduled meeting for reconsideration.

408. Duties of the Student Body Vice President shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Shall serve as Chief Executive of the K-State Polytechnic SGA in the absence of the Student Body President.
   1. In the case of the removal, death, or resignation of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall succeed to the office of Student Body President.
   2. In the event of the temporary absence or inability of the Student Body President to perform his/her duties, the Vice President shall exercise the powers and duties of the Student Body President.

B. Shall serve as the official representative of the student body in the absence or inability of the Student Body President.

C. Shall serve as Chair of the Educational Opportunity Fund Committee (unless otherwise stated by the Student Body President).

D. Shall oversee and coordinate special projects and programs of the Student Governing Association, as assigned by the Student Body President.

E. Shall make at-large appointments to all K-State Polytechnic Committees in consultation of Student Body President.

F. Shall appoint and remove committee members for any standing committees in the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

G. Shall assist Student Body President in appointing cabinet members.

H. Shall serve as liaison between the Director of College Advancement for Student Life and SGA.

409. Duties of the Cabinet

A. The Cabinet shall consist of, at a minimum, the following officers appointed by the Student Body President (unless otherwise specified).

   1. Treasurer
   2. Secretary
   3. Webmaster
   4. Programming Board Chair
   5. Attorney General
   6. Student Senate Chair
7. Diversity Affairs Director

B. Any Cabinet member shall have the right to be recognized on the floor of K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate and debate, but not vote. He/she shall answer questions in K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate meetings concerning his/her respective office and shall give them free access to his/her files upon request (with the exception of judicial files). No Cabinet member shall be a Student Senator.

C. The Student Body President may also appoint any other staff members determined necessary and proper for the general operation of K-State Polytechnic SGA.

D. The duty of the Cabinet shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the Student Body President and assist him/her in the general operation of the K-State Polytechnic SGA.

410. Duties of the Treasurer

A. Preside over the Allocations Standing Committee.

B. Facilitate the allocation of the student activity fee.

C. Serve as the liaison for Allocations Standing Committee to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate, groups requesting funds, the student body, and the university administration.

D. Review all budgetary transactions of the student activity fee.

E. To review monthly expenditures of the Activities Committee and advise the Activities Director of the Committee’s financial situation during the last week of each month.

F. Periodically present a report on the budget to the Senate at a minimum of once per semester.

411. Duties of the Secretary

A. Record and publish the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate minutes in a timely manner.

B. Record attendance and communicate with the Senate.

C. Determine, at his/her discretion, if a student senator’s absence from a K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate meeting is excused. In order for a senator’s absence to be excused, 8.5 hours of advanced notice must be given to the Secretary unless the Secretary deems it an emergency.

412. Duties of the Webmaster

A. Update SGA website and post weekly minutes.
413. Duties of the Programming Board Chair
   A. Manage K-State Polytechnic SGA sponsored events.
   B. Chair Programming Board.
   C. Serve as the SGA liaison to K-State Polytechnic “Open House” Task Force.

414. Duties of the Attorney General
   A. Serve as a designee of the Dean in receiving and disposing of complaints according to this judicial code.
   B. Supervise the administration of the judicial program and advise students on matters of judicial policy.
   C. Advise the students and boards as to their rights and responsibilities in disputes and identify resources if such guidance is requested.
   D. Serve as complainant in those cases involving University property or policy or when such action is in the interest of the University.
   E. Provide information and forms to judicial boards necessary for their administration.
   F. Shall serve as interpreter of rules at Senate meeting as requested by the Student Senate Chair, using the K-State Polytechnic SGA Constitution, these bylaws, and Robert’s Rules of Order (most current edition).
   G. Shall coordinate work on bound legislation with the Secretary.
   H. Train justices in their duties.

415. Duties of the Student Senate Chair
   A. The Student Senate Chair may author and introduce to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate any motion, bill, amendment, act, or question that he/she so desires. In the event of a tie, he/she may cast a deciding vote (for or against) any issue brought before the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.
   B. Call and preside over meetings of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate, and/or the full K-State Polytechnic SGA (student body).
   C. Call special meetings of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate (with at least 24 hour notice).
   D. The Student Senate Chair shall be responsible for noting attendance violations by members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.
   E. The Student Senate Chair can appoint and remove committee members for any standing committees in the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

416. Diversity Affairs Director
   A. Serve as a key liaison between multicultural student organizations, Multicultural Committee, To the Student Body President, Vice President, and Cabinet.
   B. Represent and protect the rights and interests of the student body.
   C. Organize 2 multicultural program; one (1) per semester.
   D. Oversee and coordinate special projects and programs of the Student Governing Association, as assigned by the Student Body President.
ARTICLE V

LEGISLATIVE

501. The K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate will carry out legislative functions of the K-State Polytechnic SGA.

502. Conduct of Meetings

A. All meetings of Student Governing Association Senate shall be open. Provision shall include, but not be limited to, departmental councils. The only exception shall be when a successful motion has been to proceed in executive session.

B. The Student Senate Chair shall be responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

503. Membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate

A. Student Senate Chair – The Student Senate Chair, elected by a simple plurality vote of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate. The Student Senate Chair shall serve a term of one (1) year. He/she shall officially take office three (3) regular meetings following the general election.

B. There shall be twenty (20) elected members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate. Members of the Senate shall be divided into representative sections equal to the number of sections on campus. Each representative section shall have a minimum of three (3) senators. The remaining seats shall be distributed based on the percentage of section enrollment to provide proportional representation of the student body.

C. If a section on campus fails to fill the proportioned seats for that section by the third meeting of the term, the remaining open seat will be transitioned to a Senators-At-Large section membership is not bounded by any degree or section. Senators at large will remain senators at large until their duties are complete, at which point the position will return to the assigned Senator section for a minimum of three meetings, following which the position may return to a senator at large position. Each Senator section will retain a minimum of two (2) open senator positions which will not become at large even when unfilled.

D. A faculty/staff-member appointed by the Dean of K-State Polytechnic, with input from the Student Body President. This faculty shall serve in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

E. In the event a senator transfers to a different section or title, the student will automatically lose his/her membership in student senate.

F. A Senator shall serve a term of one (1) year.
G. Newly elected senators shall officially take office two (2) regular meetings following the general election.

504. Powers and Rights of Senators.

A. A senator may introduce to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate any motion, bill, amendment, act, or question that he/she so desires. He/she may debate, vote (for or against), or abstain from voting on any issue brought before the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

B. A senator shall be granted access to files and records of any K-State Polytechnic SGA Committee, administrative officer, or cabinet member, except judicial files maintained by the Attorney General and EOF committee files.

C. A senator shall not be punished outside of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate for any speech or debate he/she makes in K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate, with the exception that all members are still subject to University regulations as published.

D. A student senator may appoint another student senator as a proxy vote for a meeting, providing that the Student Senate Secretary has excused the absence. A student senator may carry only one proxy.

505. Duties and Powers of Student Senate.

A. Elect a Student Senate Chair, who meets the minimum requirements for a Senate position.

B. Impeach any Senator, Student Senate Chair, or elected executive member on grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate selected and qualified, and then present the case to the Judicial Board for judgment.

C. Enact, by majority vote, laws necessary to the well being of the student community. Laws providing for creation of, or change to any student fee (or fees) under K-State Polytechnic SGA jurisdiction will require two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate selected and qualified.

D. Pass enabling legislation for the establishment or increase of any fee for which the purpose is to finance the construction of or renovation of building or facility at K-State Polytechnic only after the fee has been ratified by a binding student referendum provided for in Article X (10).

E. Approve or disapprove (by simple majority) appointments made by the Student Body President, Vice President, or Student Senate Chair.

F. Overrule a veto of the Student Body President by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

G. Recognize, support, and pass legislation to support and clarify the Student Conduct Code of K-State Polytechnic.
H. Undertake all reasonable investigations and/or hearings necessary and proper in pursuance of its powers as enumerated in this section.
ARTICLE VI

JUDICIAL

601. Judicial Authority

A. The University President has authority over the operation of the campus judicial program. This authority is delegated to the Dean of K-State Polytechnic.

B. The Dean or other designee of the Dean shall be the Judicial Advisor; responsible for advising and supporting the operation of the campus judicial program, and in some cases, for determining if there has been a violation of the Conduct Code and impose sanctions.

1. The Dean or any other designee shall serve as the sole member, or one of the members, of an administrative judicial board.

2. The Dean of the K-State Polytechnic may authorize any designee to solely impose sanctions in certain circumstances.

C. The designee by the authority of the Dean of K-State Polytechnic, assigns the operation of the judicial program to the K-State Polytechnic SGA. This authority shall be vested in the K-State Polytechnic SGA Judicial Branch, composed of the Judicial Board.

D. This judicial power shall include the disposition of:

1. Non-academic university disciplinary complaints against students,
2. Violations of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Constitution and By-Laws, Conduct Code, Residence Life Policies, Housing, and Dining Services Contracts, and
3. Other interferences with any student’s rights and freedoms.

E. The K-State Polytechnic SGA Attorney General shall be appointed by the Student Body President and shall serve on his/her Cabinet. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate. Unless otherwise provided, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Student Body President, shall appoint members to the Judicial Board.

602. Composition of the Judicial Board

A. Members of the Judicial Board shall serve one-year terms and the membership shall be as described below.

B. The Attorney General’s term shall begin immediately upon appointment to the position and conclude when relieved by his/her successor (as appointed by the new Student Body President). If the Attorney General resigns, permanently unable to discharge his/her duties, or is removed from office, the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board shall succeed to the office of Attorney General to perform his/her duties. In the temporary absence of the Attorney General, the Chief Justice of the
Judicial Board shall exercise the powers and duties of the Attorney General.

C. The Judicial Board shall be composed of the following five voting members, the designee of the Dean and the K-State Polytechnic SGA Attorney General (who both serve as advisors to the Board), and five (5) students as follows:

1. One (1) student appointed by the Residential Assistants.
2. One (1) member at large appointed by the Attorney General.
3. One (1) student unaffiliated with an organized living group appointed by the Student Body President.
4. One (1) Senator appointed by the Student Body President.
5. One (1) member at large, jointly appointed by the Attorney General and the Student Body President.
6. Of the above members, one shall be appointed as the Chief Justice of the Judicial Board by the Attorney General (and confirmed by the Senate in that position). This Chief Justice shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Judicial Board, in consultation with the Attorney General.

D. Membership of the Judicial Board shall be subject to the approval of K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

E. During periods when Judicial Board members are unavailable (or as the need arises,) the designee of the Dean, after consultation with the Attorney General (or designee), may appoint an ad hoc judicial board. Such ad hoc boards shall be composed of at least two (2) students and one (1) faculty-staff member, preferably with prior judicial experience.

F. No member of the Judicial Board shall hold elected office in either the executive or legislative branch of the K-State Polytechnic SGA unless specifically permitted by the Constitution and By-Laws.

G. No member of the Judicial Board shall hold the office of president or vice president of the K-State Polytechnic Residence Hall Association.

H. The designee of the Dean, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall develop policies for the administration of the judicial program and procedural rules for the conduct of hearings. Such policies are subject to the approval of the Senate and must be consistent with provisions of the Conduct Code.

603. Members of the Judicial Board may be impeached by the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

604. The final decision of any judicial board may be appealed in accordance with Article V, Section 9 of the By-Laws.
ARTICLE VII

OATH OF OFFICE

701. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Senate Chair, Senators, SGA officers elected, appointed or approved by the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate (including Cabinet members), Attorney General, and Chief Justices and members of the Judicial Board, shall take the following oath of office before taking office: "I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of (name of office) and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the K-State Polytechnic SGA."

702. The oath of office may be administered by any one of the following officers: The incumbent Chief Justice or another member of the Judicial Board (in all cases), the Student Body President, or student Body Vice President (in the case of the executive branch), Student Senate Chair, any Senator (in the case of the legislative branch), the Attorney General (in the case of the judicial branch) or any person authorized by law to administer oaths by the outgoing K-State Polytechnic SGA President.

703. At the second (2nd) meeting of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate following the general election, the oath of office shall be administered to the Senators, then to the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President.
ARTICLE VIII

BY-LAW REVISIONS

801. The K-State Polytechnic SGA shall revise the By-Laws to be published with this Constitution in the student handbook and alter and interpret them as time and situations may require. Such revisions shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate selected and qualified.

802. It shall be the responsibility of the Attorney General (or designee) to enter revisions to the master copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, once approved by the Senate.

803. This master copy of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Constitution and By-Laws to the Constitution shall be kept on file in the K-State Polytechnic SGA Office and be available for viewing upon request.
ARTICLE IX

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

901. Any member of the K-State Polytechnic SGA may propose an amendment to this Constitution, which must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate selected and qualified.

902. Revisions to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Constitution may not be introduced and moved to final action during the same meeting of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Student Senate.
ARTICLE X

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND PLEBISCITE

1001. Initiative
   A. The members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall have the power to propose
      legislation for inaction or rejection at the polls. This power shall be known as the
      initiative.

1002. Initiative Procedure
   A. An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the measure proposed and, to be
      valid, shall be signed by five percent (5%) of the K-State Polytechnic SGA
      members.
   B. Upon the presentation of such a petition to the Senate, the Senate must vote within
      two weeks. Should the measure fail, it shall be referred to the student body for
      adoption of the measure on the ballot at a special election held within four weeks
      or at the next regular election, whichever comes first.
   C. Regulations may be enacted in the By-Laws to this Constitution to govern the
      collection and validation of signatures on the initiative petition.

1003. Referendum
   A. The Senate, by majority vote, may refer a measure to the members of the K-State
      Polytechnic SGA to approve or reject. This process shall be known as the
      referendum.

1004. Referendum Procedure
   A. The legislation calling for a referendum shall include the full text of the proposed
      measure and shall provide that the question of the adoption of the measure be
      placed on the ballot of a special election held within four weeks or at the next
      regular election whichever comes first.

1005. Passage of Legislation by the Initiative and Referendum
   A. Each measure shall be submitted on the ballot by a title, which shall be descriptive
      but not argumentative or prejudicial. The full text of each measure submitted on
      the ballot shall be available at each polling place.
   B. The veto power of the Student Body President shall not extend to measures
      initiated by, or referred to, the members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA.
   C. Any measure submitted to the membership of the K-State Polytechnic SGA shall
      become effective when approved by sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast thereon
      and approval of the election results by the K-State Polytechnic SGA senate.
   D. Campaigning for or against the initiative or referendum shall be at least 15 feet
      away from any polling station.

1006. Restrictions on Initiative and Referendum
   A. No measure adopted by the members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA under the
      initiative or referendum provisions above may be repealed or amended within a
      period of one year unless by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the members of the
      Senate selected and qualified.
B. No measure rejected by the voters under the initiate or referendum provisions above may be passed by the Student Senate within a period of one year unless by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the members of the Senate selected and qualified.

1007. Plebiscite
A. The Student Senate may place on the ballot, at a special or regular election, a question upon which the members of the K-State Polytechnic SGA may express their opinion of approval, disapproval, or preference. Such a question shall be known as a plebiscite. The outcome of a plebiscite shall be considered the official expression of student opinion on the issue.
ARTICLE XI

STUDENT RIGHTS

1101. The following rights are guaranteed to students:

A. The right of those employed by the university to join or form unions and enter into collective bargaining;

B. The right to petition for changes in curriculum or faculty;

C. The right to a fundamentally fair process, including a fair hearing, in all disciplinary matters and to be judged in part or entirely by students, with right of appeal;

D. The right to free and timely access to statements of policy which affect students; the university therefore should publish policies affecting students;

E. The right to freedom from unreasonable and unauthorized search, seizure, and detention;

F. The right to be tried and/or punished no more than once for the same offense, except in cases of violations of university rules and those expressly controlled by a jurisdiction above that of the K-State Polytechnic SGA;

G. The right to exercise full rights as a citizen in forming and participating in campus, local, national or international organizations for intellectual, religious, social, political, economic or cultural purposes and to publish and/or disseminate individual views and those of organizations on or off campus;

H. The right to conduct research freely and to publish, discuss, and exchange any findings of recommendations whether individually or in association with local, national or international groups;

I. The right to organize and join organizations in their common interests;

J. The right of any organization to enjoy registration in all cases, provided they comply with the regulations for registration as stipulated in the By-Laws to the K-State Polytechnic SGA;

K. The right of K-State Polytechnic SGA registered organizations to participate freely in off-campus activities, subject only to procedural regulations;

L. The right of students and K-State Polytechnic SGA registered organizations to use campus facilities subject to such regulations as are required for scheduling meeting times and places;

M. The right of students and K-State Polytechnic SGA registered organizations to invite and hear speakers of their choice on subjects of their choice; and

N. The rights to establish, print, and disseminate publications free of any censorship or other pressures designed to control editorial policy, with the selection and removal of editorial staffs reserved solely to the organization sponsoring those publications.
(In cases, however, where a publication enjoys a monopoly of university facilities and finances, the registering authority may properly insist on adequate safe guards in the constitution of the publication to insure that the requirements for membership be limited to interest, activity, and journalistic ability. The staff of the publication shall administer those safeguards, but in any case where a person considers he/she has been unjustly removed from or unjustly prevented from joining the staff, such person may present a complaint to their board of local jurisdiction.)

1102. The enumeration of certain rights herein shall not be construed as to nullify or limit any other rights possessed by students.
ARTICLE XII

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1201. The following rights are expressly granted to student organizations:

A. A student organization must meet the following requirements to be considered for recognition.
   1. Have at least five (5) student members (or 3 provisional members to start an organization).
   2. Have a Kansas State University faculty or staff member as an advisor to the club.
   3. Have on file with the Office of Student Life a copy of the club’s constitution, registration form, and any other governing documents.
   4. Have at least one meeting per fall and spring semester on the K-State Polytechnic Campus.
   5. Meet any other requirements set forth by the Office of Student Life, the K-State Polytechnic SGA, or the Bylaws to the Constitution.

B. A probationary period of two months shall be applied to all new clubs upon passage of recognizing legislation by the K-State Polytechnic SGA.
   1. The probationary period shall be removed at the end of two months unless formal legislation of objection is brought before the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate at which point the recognition may be revoked by a simple majority of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

C. A recognized student organization shall enjoy the right and privilege to publish its recognition in the organizations publication within the bounds set forth in the Bylaws to the Constitution.

D. A recognized student organization shall enjoy the right and privilege to be included in any listing of organizations published by the K-State Polytechnic SGA.

E. A recognized student organization may lose its recognition if it fails to meet the requirements set forth in Paragraph A or upon a simple majority passage of decertification legislation brought before the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

F. Funding for recognized student organizations shall be applied as per the Bylaws to the K-State Polytechnic SGA Constitution, the Allocations Committee, Treasurer, and/or the decisions of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate.

G. Disbursement of K-State Polytechnic SGA funds to SGA recognized organizations is at the discretion of the K-State Polytechnic SGA Senate which shall not be required to disburse funds.