

**TITLE 15**  
**The Constitutional Convention**

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**SECTION 1. Definitions**

- 1.1** Constitutional Convention: A convention hosted in order to deliberate and amend the Oklahoma State SGA Constitution and/or bylaws.
- 1.2** Convention Chair (Chair): A non-voting member selected by the convention to chair the meeting, much similarly as the Senate Speaker, to maintain order and efficiency.
- 1.3** Core Officers: Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, the Attorney General, and any SGA judicial officers. Core officers pertaining to the Constitutional Convention are different from core officers as it pertains to Title X.
- 1.4** Voting Members: Members of the Convention nominated and approved by a process within the Senate (See Section X) who hold voting privileges on amendments presented before the convention.
- 1.5** Non-Voting Members: Members not selected as voting delegates, but present and allowed speaking privileges at the discretion of the Chair.
- 1.6** Amendment: A potential amendment to the Constitution that is presented by a voting delegate to the Convention, much similarly in which legislation is presented to the Student Senate and is voted upon by the other voting delegates.
- 1.7** Academic Units: The Ferguson College of Agriculture, The College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, The College of Arts and Sciences, The College of Education and Human Sciences, and The Spears School of Business-
- 1.8** Living Groups: Greek Life affiliation, International Students, Off-Campus housing, and Residential Life.

**SECTION 2. ENACTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

- 2.1** The process by which the Constitutional Convention comes to order is as follows:
  - 2.1.1.** The Senate, when two-thirds (2/3) of the members deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this constitution; or
  - 2.1.2.** Based on its submission, a petition to the Senate signed by at least five hundred (500) students enrolled at the OSU-Stillwater campus shall propose amendments to this Constitution; or
  - 2.1.3.** The Senate, when three-fourths (3/4) of the members deem it necessary, shall call a convention that shall propose amendments, which;
  - 2.1.4.** Based on its submission, a petition to the Senate signed by at least five hundred (500) students enrolled at the OSU-Stillwater campus shall call a convention that shall propose amendments, which;
  - 2.1.5.** In any aforementioned case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by a majority of those students voting either in a general election at which such amendments shall be on a ballot, or in a special election for the sole purpose of amending this constitution.

- 2.1.6.** Typographical, grammatical, and formatting errors in the SGA Constitution shall be amended through amendments to the SGA Bylaws or legislation passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and shall be considered ratified and valid to all intents and purposes upon enactment of the legislation.

### **SECTION 3. PROCEDURE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

- 3.1** The Constitutional Convention will occur in any given spring semester.
  - 3.1.1.** In an extenuating circumstance, the Convention may be called in the fall semester.
- 3.2** Upon the Chair's discretion, Senate Standing rules apply within the convention to maintain order and procedure in line with Robert's Rules of Order.
- 3.3** The Convention shall be divided into two steps:
  - 3.3.1.** The first portion of the Convention will be a deliberation period, formatted and directed by the Chair.
  - 3.3.2.** The second portion of the Convention will be submitting amendments as potential legislation, or "New Business" for the Convention.
    - 3.3.2.1** Each amendment will follow the same procedure as if a piece of legislation was presented to the Student Senate.

### **SECTION 4. NOMINATION OF VOTING DELEGATES**

- 4.1** Within the Senate, senators representing each Academic Unit and Living Group constituency will nominate a representative to act as a voting delegate in the Constitutional Convention.
  - 4.1.1.** This results in 9 voting members of the Convention. All voting delegates shall be approved by the Oklahoma State University Senate.
    - 4.1.1.1.** No proxies will be allowed for any of the 9 voting delegates.
    - 4.1.1.2.** If a voting delegate is unable to make the commitment, a new voting delegate will be elected in their place.
  - 4.1.2.** If there is a vacancy of representatives within the Student Senate for any Academic Unit or Living Group, the Senate Speaker and Vice Speaker will elect a representative from that constituency to represent that college.
    - 4.1.2.1.** If the International Student Organization does not have a representative within the Student Senate, nor did any person run for a ISO seat in the last spring election, a voting delegate will be chosen by the GPSGA (Graduate and Professional Student Government Association) to fill this vacancy.
- 4.2. VOTING MEMBER QUALIFICATION:**
  - 4.2.1.** Voting members may be any individual within the constituency for which they are nominated to represent, i.e., the College of Arts and Sciences voting delegate must be enrolled within the College of Arts and Sciences.
  - 4.2.2.** From the 9 voting delegates, at least 5 out of the 9 nominations must be a member of the Oklahoma State Student Government Association.
  - 4.2.3.** Those who hold core offices as defined by Title XV shall not be permitted to be nominated to hold a voting delegate position.