

# **Supreme Constitution of the Clemson University Student Governments**

## **Preamble**

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students of Clemson University do establish this Supreme Constitution for the preservation and improvement of a democratic Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government at Clemson University.

## **Article I: Legislative**

### **Section 1: Undergraduate Student Government**

**A.** The Legislative Branch of Undergraduate Student Government shall have the right to enact legislation to, in any respect, impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government. Such legislation may not directly impact the Graduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception provided for by the Legislative Branch of the Graduate Student Government.

**B.** The Undergraduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Undergraduate Legislative Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body.

### **Section 2: Graduate Student Government**

**A.** The Legislative Branch of Graduate Student Government shall have the right to enact legislation to, in any respect, impact the Graduate Student Body or Government. Such legislation may not directly impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government, without explicit exception provided for by the Legislative Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government.

**B.** The Graduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Graduate Legislative Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body.

### **Section 3: Joint Legislative Activity**

**A.** The Legislative Branches of the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Governments shall have the authority to pass concurrent legislation on issues that impact both the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Bodies. Such resolutions may be proposed by either the Undergraduate or Graduate Legislative Branch, and the exact wording must be passed by both the Undergraduate and Graduate Branches. Concurrent resolutions are the only type of legislation that may use the term Clemson University Student Body.

**B.** A conference committee shall be formed at the beginning of each legislative session to reconcile any differences in concurrent resolutions that pass the Undergraduate and Graduate Legislative Branches.

This committee shall be appointed by the presidents of the Undergraduate and Graduate Legislative Branches.

**C.** Upon passage of a concurrent resolution the Undergraduate and Graduate Legislative Branches shall have the power to meet in Joint Session. No votes may be taken in such sessions, but legislation may be discussed and reports may be received.

**D.** The Legislative Branches of the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Governments shall, by concurrent resolution, have the power to enforce this section.

## **Article II: Executive**

### **Section 1: Undergraduate Student Government**

**A.** The Executive Branch of Undergraduate Student Government shall have the authority to recommend legislation to the Undergraduate Legislative Branch, create committees to address concerns of Clemson University or the Undergraduate Student Body, advocate and lobby for the will of the Undergraduate Student Body to the administration of Clemson, and otherwise act as the director of the Undergraduate Student Body. No action of the Executive Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government may directly impact the Graduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception provided for by the Executive Branch of the Graduate Student Government.

**B.** The Undergraduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Undergraduate Executive Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body.

### **Section 2: Graduate Student Government**

**A.** The Executive Branch of Graduate Student Government shall have the authority to recommend legislation to the Graduate Legislative Branch, create committees to address concerns of Clemson University or the Graduate Student Body, advocate and lobby for the will of the Graduate Student Body to the administration of Clemson, and otherwise act as the director of the Graduate Student Body. No action of the Executive Branch of the Graduate Student Government may directly impact the Undergraduate Student Body or Government without explicit exception provided for by the Executive Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government.

**B.** The Graduate Student Government has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to the Graduate Executive Branch in the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body.

## **Article III: Judicial**

### **Section 1: Structure**

**A.** All Judicial Power shall be vested in one unified Judicial Branch, consisting of a Supreme Court and other inferior courts as the Undergraduate Student Government may create, with jurisdiction over both the Undergraduate Student Body and Government and the Graduate Student Body and Government. The Attorney General shall be the head of the Judicial Branch.

**B.** The Supreme Court shall have the authority to interpret this Supreme Constitution; the Constitution of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body; the Constitution of the Clemson University Graduate Student Body; all legislation enacted by the Legislative Branches of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government; and all proclamations issued by the Executive Branch of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government. The Supreme Court shall also have the authority to settle any questions regarding the separation of authority between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches in either Undergraduate or Graduate Student Government; to settle any questions of constitutionality by the acts of any branch of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government; and to settle any questions of jurisdiction between Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government.

**C.** The Undergraduate Student Government has the sole authority to establish any aspect of the Judicial Branch not specifically outlined in this Supreme Constitution.

### **Section 2: Qualifications**

Both Undergraduate and Graduate Students shall be eligible to serve in the judicial branch, including Attorney General.

## **Article IV: Amendments**

### **Section 1: Proposal**

Amendments to this Supreme Constitution may be proposed by concurrent legislation passed with a two-thirds vote by the Undergraduate Legislative Branch and a two-thirds vote of the Graduate Legislative Branch or by a petition of ten percent of the Undergraduate Student Body and ten percent of the Graduate Student Body.

### **Section 2: Referendum**

Amendments proposed must be approved by the Undergraduate Student Body and the Graduate Student Body in a referendum by two-thirds of those undergraduate students voting and two-thirds of those graduate students voting and signed by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

## **Article V: Supremacy**

This Supreme Constitution shall be the supreme governing authority of the Clemson University Student Undergraduate and Graduate Bodies, and is supreme in all respects to both the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body Constitution and the Clemson University Graduate Student Body Constitution.