

SUNY New Paltz Student Association
56th Senate
Main Sponsor: Nadia AliRahi
Co-sponsors: James Auer, Gregory Bruno, Dana Hershkowitz
Bill #1

Be it ADVISED: that this structure is used for the rest of the 2013-2014 academic year.

With revision to the Student Association Constitution, Article VII (The Judicial Board).

Section 1: Judicial Power

All judicial powers of the Student Association shall be vested in the Judicial Board.

Section 2: Composition

1. The one (1) Chief Justice, and four (4) Associate Justices and of the Judicial Board shall be nominated
2. A justice must be a member of the Student Association.
3. Each justice shall serve until they resign, or are impeached and removed, or are no longer an activity-fee paying student at SUNY New Paltz.
4. The Chief Justice, Associate Justices, or any **confirmed** Justices may not be a standing member of the Senate, Executive Board, or any Student Association committees.

Section 3: Nomination

1. The President shall nominate all Justices and will be confirmed by a 2/3rd majority vote by the Senate.
2. Alternate Justices are eligible to be nominated for the position of Associate Justice or Chief Justice, subject to confirmation by 2/3rd majority vote by the Senate.
3. Associate Justices are eligible to be nominated for the position of Chief Justice, subject to confirmation by 2/3rd majority vote by the Senate.

Section 4: Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the Judicial Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Appoint the four (4) Associate Justices to serve as student representatives to the Campus Review Board to discuss fiscal policy disputes with the College President's fiscal Designee over mandatory activity-fee management.
 - a. In the case of an Associate Justice being unable to serve as a student representative to the Campus Review Board meeting, the Alternate Justices shall attend in their lieu as determined by the Chief Justice.
2. Hold public hearings in cases of controversy or dispute. Deliberations can be held in private. All decisions shall be handed down in writing to the Senate and concerned parties, and shall be made public. Reasoning behind the decisions shall also be included.
3. Interpret and review the constitutionality of all actions of the Student Association and its various substructures.
 - a. The constitutionality of any Student Association official binding decision needs to be determined by the Judicial Board. These decisions shall not have a retroactive impact.
4. Shall serve as the final mediating body in any disputes related to Student Association activity.
5. Meet every two weeks during the fall and spring semesters and when warranted.

Section 5: Powers

1. The Judicial Board shall have original and appellate jurisdiction over any actions of, or disputes between the Senate and Executive Board.
2. The Judicial Board shall have appellate jurisdiction over the Budget and Finance C o m m i t t e e , Programming Board, Council Board, and Research Board.
3. All Judicial Board decisions are binding on any branch of the Student Association.

Section 6: Officers

1. The duties of Chief Justice shall include:
 - a. The Chief Justice shall have the power to convene a Judicial Board Hearing.
 - b. The Chief Justice shall be the Chair of all Judicial Board meetings and shall have the power to convene such meetings.
 - c. The Chief Justice shall report at each Judicial Board meeting on any information that may be of importance to the Judicial Board, including, but not limited to, actions of the Senate, actions of the Executive Board, or constitutional changes.
 - d. The Chief Justice shall hold four (4) posted office hours a week.
 - e. The Chief Justice shall report at each Senate meeting.
 - f. In the case of the Chief Justice being unable to attend the Senate meeting, the Chief Justice can appoint one Associate Justice to attend in their lieu.
2. The duties of an Associate Justice shall include:
 - a. The Associate Justice shall hold one (1) posted office hour a week.
 - b. The Associate Justice shall participate in the hearing process.
 - c. The Associate Justice shall attend all Judicial Board meetings.
 - d. The Associate Justice shall also carry out reasonable duties assigned by the Chief Justice.
3. The duties of an Alternate Justice shall include:
 - a. The Alternate Justice shall attend all Judicial Board meetings.
 - b. The Alternate Justice must attend at least one Judicial Board Hearing.