Constitution of the Student Government Association of the University of Kentucky (UKSGA)

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PREAMBLE

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

Pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes and the University of Kentucky Governing Regulations, the University of Kentucky Student Government Association is hereinafter recognized as the official student government by the University of Kentucky.

SECTION 2. NAME

This organization is known as The University of Kentucky Student Government Association (UKSGA).

SECTION 3. PURPOSE

As set out in the Governing Regulations of the University, the Student Government Association is the official representative body of the students at the university. Subject to the limitations imposed by the law, the Governing Regulations, or the Administrative Regulations, the Student Government Association, through the Student Body President, shall on an ongoing basis: (1) represent the views of the student body to the University of Kentucky President and other shared governance bodies; (2) be formally engaged in and consulted about relevant matters important to students, such as tuition, the student code of conduct, student services, student fees, attendance and absence policies, student employment, and student life matters; (3) promote the general well-being of students within the university community; (4) foster mutual respect, collaboration, and cooperation between students, faculty, and staff; and (5) provide services to the students, faculty, and staff.

SECTION 4. SUPREMACY

This constitution is the guiding document of UKSGA and supersedes all other legislation. Any enactment or exercise of power which conflicts with this constitution, as determined by the Supreme Court of UKSGA, shall be considered void.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE

UKSGA is beholden to all relevant local, state, and federal laws and shall act in a manner that seeks to remain fully compliant with all applicable laws. This shall include student body elections and all voting procedures.

UKSGA shall prioritize transparency in its actions and ensure full compliance with all open records requirements stipulated by the University of Kentucky, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the United States of America.

Registration and Recognition of Student Organizations, Registered Student Organizations, and Sponsored Student Organizations (RSOs and SSOs) must comply with the University's non-discrimination policy in its consideration of membership and all other activities.

SECTION 6. MEMBERSHIP

a. All students at the University of Kentucky are members of UKSGA.
b. An active member of UKSGA is any member elected or appointed to a role within the organization.
c. In order to be eligible for active membership, one must be a full-time enrolled, UKSGA fee-paying student at the University and in good academic and conduct standing with the University.
d. With the exception of the Student Body President and Vice President, active UKSGA members shall maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

ARTICLE I: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

a. This constitution creates the Student Senate (the Senate) which is the legislative authority of UKSGA.
b. The Senate is composed of Senators-at-Large, College Senators, and First-Year Senators, in accordance with the following:
    i. The total number of Senators shall be at least fifty (50).
    ii. The number of College Senators shall be one (1) Senator per degree-granting college. The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce shall each receive one (1) College Senator Seat.
    iii. There shall be at least ten (10) First-Year Senators, allocated proportionately to the undergraduate, graduate, and professional student populations. There shall be seats for the undergraduate population and for the graduate and professional population.
    iv. There shall be at least thirty (30) Senators-at-Large, allocated proportionally to the undergraduate, graduate, and professional student populations. There shall be seats for the undergraduate population and for the graduate and professional population.
c. The Senate shall prescribe requirements to serve as a First-Year Senator or a Senator-at-Large in the appropriate governing documents.
d. The Senate shall prescribe the requirements to be elected or appointed to a College Senator seat in the appropriate governing documents.
e. All Senatorial candidates will run their campaign unaffiliated with any other Senatorial candidate or Presidential/Vice Presidential ticket.
f. All College Senators shall be elected solely by the students in their respective colleges during the spring election.
g. Undergraduate Senators-at-Large shall be elected solely by the undergraduate membership during the spring election.
h. Graduate and Professional Senators-at-Large shall be elected solely by the graduate, professional, and post-doctoral membership during the spring election.
i. First-Year Senators shall be elected by the first-year student population during an election in the fall semester.

j. Those belonging to each portion of the membership shall be defined in the appropriate governing documents.
k. The elections outlined in Section 1 shall not prevent appointments or special elections to fill vacant or vacated Senate Seats that arise outside of the normal elections cycle, so long as these appointments adhere to the procedures outlined in this constitution and the appropriate governing documents.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS

a. The Student Body Vice President shall serve as the President of the Senate. The Senate President shall:
    i. Serve as the Chair of the Senate Executive Council;
    ii. Place newly elected Senators on one of the Senate Standing Committees;
    iii. Cast the tie-breaking vote in the Full Senate, Senate Executive Council, and Standing Committees when the respective body is equally divided;
        A. The Senate President shall not retain voting privileges in any of these bodies, except in the case of a tie contingent on all members present having voted.
    iv. Retain the same speaking privileges as a member of the Senate, the Senate Executive Council, and the Standing Committees in their respective bodies.
b. The Senate Speaker shall serve as the presiding officer of the Senate and the body's primary representative.
    i. The Senate Speaker shall be elected by a simple majority of Senators present and voting.
    ii. The Senate Speaker must be a current Senator, having previously served as a Senator. If fewer than two (2) Senators who satisfy this requirement wish to run for Senate Speaker, any Senator shall be eligible to run for Senate Speaker.
c. The Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore shall assist the Senate Speaker in their duties
    i. The Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore shall be a Senator elected by a simple majority of Senators present and voting.
d. The Senate Solicitor General shall serve as the Senate Parliamentarian and as the Senate's counsel.
    i. The Senate Solicitor General shall be nominated by the Senate Speaker and approved by a simple majority of Senators present and voting.
    ii. The Senate Solicitor General shall not hold any other active membership position in UKSGA, including a Senate seat.
    iii. The Senate Solicitor General is granted full authority by this constitution to:
        A. Represent the legislative branch in any case where the legislative branch or its active members in their official capacity are a named party before the Supreme Court.
        B. Subject to review by the University of Kentucky President, who is the ultimate interpreter of all Administrative Regulations including this constitution, provide written advisory interpretations of this constitution and appropriate governing documents to the legislative branch.

e. The chair of each Standing Committee shall serve as the presiding officer of their respective Standing Committee and as that body's chief representative.
    i. The chair of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the means prescribed by the Senate.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Senate is granted the full authority by this constitution to:

a. Approve the UKSGA budget;
b. Appropriate funds;
c. Establish and enact UKSGA policy;
    i. Any enactment shall clearly state the authority derived from this constitution.
d. Impeach and remove any active member;
e. Approve the nominations of all appointed executive and judicial members as designated by this constitution or the appropriate governing documents.

The Senate shall act in a manner representative of its constituencies and ensure all acts taken align with the mission of advancing the student body's needs.

SECTION 4. THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

a. The Senate Executive Council shall consist of:
    i. The Senate President
        A. The Senate President shall count for quorum in their presence and against quorum in their absence.
    ii. The Senate Speaker
    iii. The Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore
    iv. The Chair of each Standing Committee of the Senate
    v. The Undergraduate First-Year Executive Councilor
    vi. The Graduate and Professional First-Year Executive Councilor
    vii. The Senate Solicitor General in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity
        A. The Senate Solicitor General shall neither count for nor against the quorum of the Senate Executive Council.
b. The Senate Executive Council shall act on behalf of the Full Senate during the designated periods of academic recess from the end of the Spring Semester to the beginning of the Fall Semester and from the end of the Fall Semester to the beginning of the Spring Semester. During these periods of academic recess, the Senate Executive Council shall have the authority to:
    i. Exercise its authority in a manner consistent with all established procedures of the Full Senate. This shall include ensuring that all actions taken by the Senate Executive Council adhere to the UKSGA Constitution and appropriate governing documents and align with the purpose of the UKSGA.
    ii. Act on behalf of the Full Senate or the individual Standing Committees in extenuating circumstances.
        A. "Extenuating circumstances" may include but are not limited to instances in which timeline compliance with the appropriate governing

document is impossible or extremely burdensome or instances in which the functioning of UKSGA is jeopardized.
    B. The Senate Executive Council shall never act on behalf of both the Full Senate and an individual Standing Committee on a given matter.
    C. The Senate Executive Council shall not act on behalf of the Full Senate regarding impeachment or removing an active member from office.
    D. In instances where the Senate Executive Council acts on behalf of the Full Senate and/or any/all of the Standing Committees, the Senate President shall inform all Senators of the extenuating circumstance(s) prompting action and the specific action taken.
iii. The Senate Executive Council shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Senate and all Standing Committees outside of designated periods of academic recess in extenuating circumstances.
    A. "Extenuating circumstances" may include but are not limited to instances in which timeline compliance with the appropriate governing document is impossible or extremely burdensome or instances in which the functioning of UKSGA is jeopardized.
    B. In instances where the Senate Executive Council acts on behalf of the Full Senate and/or any/all of the Standing Committees, the Senate President shall inform all Senators of the extenuating circumstance(s) prompting action and the specific action taken.
iv. Any action taken by the Senate Executive Council on behalf of the Senate or a Standing Committee must be voted on by the Full Senate or relevant Standing Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. An affirmative vote must be obtained to make the action permanent; otherwise, it shall lapse following the vote.
    A. If no such vote occurs within forty-five (45) academic days of the first day of the fall or spring academic term, then the action taken by the Senate Executive Council shall lapse.
v. The Senate Executive Council shall have the authority to designate legislation to the appropriate Standing Committee of the Senate for review and consideration.
vi. The Senate Executive Council shall provide general oversight and administration of the Senate to ensure adherence to this constitution and the appropriate governing documents.

SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. There shall be no fewer than four (4) Standing Committees of the Senate and no more than six (6) Standing Committees of the Senate.
    i. The Senate shall prescribe the composition and purpose of each Standing Committee of the Senate in the appropriate governing documents.
        1. Any legislation altering the composition or purpose of a Standing Committee of the Senate shall come into effect no sooner than the start of the subsequent Senate term.

b. Each Standing Committee shall consider and evaluate appointments and approve nominations as outlined in the appropriate governing documents. They shall also have the right to consider legislation amending the appropriate governing documents.

SECTION 6. PROCEDURE

a. A quorum must be met for a Senate meeting to be called to order and business to be voted on.
    i. A quorum shall be met when fifty (50) percent of current Senators assigned to the designated body are present.
b. All Senators shall retain privileges of the floor as prescribe in the appropriate governing documents.
c. The Senate may impeach an active member through the adoption of Articles of Impeachment in line with the process outlined in the appropriate governing documents. The Senate may consider the Articles of Impeachment and, upon an absolute two-thirds majority vote, declare the active member guilty of the alleged offense(s), removing that active member from office.
    i. The Senate shall have the authority to disqualify a member from seeking future offices upon conviction, as outlined in the appropriate governing documents.
d. The Senate shall provide a time during each meeting for public comment.

SECTION 7. TERM OF OFFICE

a. All Senators shall serve from the day they are sworn into office until the inauguration of the next Senate.
b. Following a Senate seat vacancy, the Senate Executive Council shall fill it in accordance with the procedures outlined in this constitution and the appropriate governing documents.

ARTICLE II: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

a. The Executive Branch shall consist of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, the Executive Cabinet, and the Executive Staff.
b. The Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be elected as an executive ticket during the spring election. Executive tickets shall not be affiliated with any Senatorial candidate.
    i. No member shall be elected Student Body President for more than two (2) terms.
    ii. A member shall be eligible to seek a further term beyond the two (2) term limit upon spending one (1) year as a non-active member.
c. The Executive Cabinet shall consist of the Executive Director of each executive department and the Attorney General.

i. A member currently serving or having previously served as Attorney General shall be ineligible to be a candidate for any subsequent election following their confirmation.

d. The members of the Executive Cabinet shall be nominated by the Student Body President and approved by the process outlined in the appropriate governing documents.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

a. The Student Body President shall:
   i. Be a full-time student at the university;
   ii. Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of their inauguration and maintain it through their term of office; and
   iii. Be in good financial and conduct standing with the University.
b. The Student Body Vice President shall:
   i. Be a full-time student at the university;
   ii. Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of their inauguration and maintain it through their term of office; and
   iii. Be in good financial and conduct standing with the University.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES

a. The Student Body President is granted the full authority by this constitution to:
   i. Represent all members of UKSGA in dealings with persons or entities of other universities and the faculty, staff, and administration of the University.
   ii. Administer the executive branch, including the authority to dismiss appointed active members of the executive branch.
   iii. Enter into non-appropriation, non-legally binding agreements, subject to a legislative veto as defined in the appropriate governing documents on behalf of the UKSGA and the student body.
   iv. Enter into appropriation-based, non-legally binding agreements, as defined in the appropriate governing documents, on behalf of the UKSGA and the student body with the advice and consent of the Senate.
   v. Sign or veto all bills.
      A. The Student Body President may opt to neither sign nor veto bills; after seven (7) academic days of inactivity on the legislation, it shall be automatically enacted.
   vi. Sign or veto joint resolutions expressing the opinion of USKGA.
      A. The Student Body President may opt to neither sign nor veto joint resolutions; after seven (7) academic days of inactivity on a joint resolution, it shall be automatically enacted.
   vii. Nominate members to the Executive Cabinet.
   viii. Nominate members to fill vacancies in the Supreme Court and the General Court.
   ix. Issue executive actions to guide the operation of the Executive Branch.
   x. Serve as a voting member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

b. The Student Body Vice President is granted the full authority by this constitution to:
    i. Assist the Student Body President in executing policy and University obligations.
    ii. Work jointly with the Student Body President to nominate members to the Executive Staff.
    iii. Serve as the President of the Senate and Chair of the Senate Executive Council.
c. The Executive Director of each executive department is granted the full authority by this constitution to administer their respective executive department.
d. The Attorney General is granted the full authority by this constitution to:
    i. Represent the executive branch in any case where the executive branch or its active members in their official capacity are a named party before the Supreme Court.
    ii. Provide written advisory interpretations of this constitution and other governing documents to the executive branch.

SECTION 4. SUCCESSION

a. If a vacancy occurs in the Student Body Presidency, the Student Body Vice President shall assume the role of Acting Student Body President until such time that a special election can be held to elect an individual to serve as Student Body President for the remainder of the original term.
    i. The Student Body Vice President may run for Student Body President while serving as Acting Student Body President.
    ii. The Student Body Vice President shall not exercise their responsibilities as Student Body Vice President while serving as Acting Student Body President.
b. If a vacancy occurs in the Student Body Vice Presidency, the Student Body President shall nominate a successor who must be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting in the Senate.
c. If a simultaneous vacancy occurs in the office of Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, the Senate Speaker shall assume the role of Acting Student Body President until such time that a special election can be held to elect an individual to serve as Student Body President for the remainder of the original term.
    i. The Senate Speaker may run for Student Body President while serving as Acting Student Body President.
    ii. The Senate Speaker shall not exercise their responsibilities as Senate Speaker while serving as Acting Student Body President. The Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore shall become the Acting Senate Speaker until the Senate Speaker returns to their duties or the Senate Speaker resigns from their post; at this point, an election shall be held in the Senate for a new Senate Speaker.
d. In the event that the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Senate Speaker positions all become vacant concurrently, the Senate will convene to elect an Acting Student Body President who shall serve until such time that a special election can be held to elect an individual to serve as Student Body President for the remainder of the original term.

SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE

a. All executive branch members shall serve from the day they are sworn into office until the inauguration of the next Senate.
    i. This clause shall not be taken to preclude the dismissal of Executive Cabinet members or executive staff.
    ii. No hourly-paid executive branch member shall be allowed to work before properly completing the University of Kentucky employee onboarding process.

ARTICLE III: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE SUPREME COURT

a. The UKSGA Supreme Court (hereinafter referred to as the Supreme Court) shall consist of seven (7) student members.
b. The seven (7) members of the Supreme Court shall satisfy all requirements for active membership.
c. At least four (4) members of the Supreme Court must be enrolled in the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law.
d. The Supreme Court shall elect the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at the beginning of each judicial term.
e. The Chief Justice must have served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for at least one (1) year prior to becoming Chief. In the event that this qualification cannot be met, any Associate Justice may be eligible to serve as Chief Justice.
f. All other members of the Supreme Court shall be considered Associate Justices.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COURT

a. The UKSGA General Court (hereinafter referred to as the General Court) shall consist of no less than three (3) student members.
    i. The appropriate governing document may prescribe additional members.
b. All General Court members must be enrolled in the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law.
c. The members of the General Court shall maintain all requirements for active membership.
d. All members of the General Court shall be considered Judges.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF THE ELECTIONS BOARD

a. The UKSGA Elections Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as the Elections Board) shall consist of no less than eight (8) student members and the Elections Commissioner.
    i. The appropriate governing documents may prescribe additional members.
b. The members of the Elections Board shall maintain all requirements for active membership.

c. The members of the Elections Board shall be considered Supervisors.

SECTION 4. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

a. The Student Body President shall nominate a member to the Supreme Court or General Court when a vacancy arises.
    i. The Student Body President shall be bound to nominate a member of the General Court from the slate of candidates provided by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall submit a slate of no less than five (5) student members for each vacancy.
b. The Senate must vote to confirm the appointed member to the Supreme Court or the General Court. A simple majority of Senators present and voting is required for a member to be confirmed.
c. Once a member is nominated and confirmed to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court or a Judge of the General Court, that member shall serve on the Supreme Court or the General Court as long as the member maintains all requirements for active membership.
d. The Supreme Court, by a simple majority vote, shall nominate a member to serve as the Elections Commissioner when a vacancy arises.
e. The Senate must vote to confirm the nominated member to serve as the Elections Commissioner. A simple majority of Senators present and voting is required for a member to be confirmed.
f. Once a member is nominated and confirmed to serve as Elections Commissioner, that member shall serve until the next Student Body President is inaugurated, or they resign from their position, whichever occurs first.
    i. Upon completion of their term, an Elections Commissioner may submit themselves as a candidate for renomination to the Supreme Court. They shall be treated as a new nominee if nominated per Article III, Section 4(d).
    ii. A member currently serving or having previously served as Elections Commissioner shall be ineligible to be a candidate for any subsequent election following their confirmation.
g. The Elections Commissioner shall nominate members to serve on the Elections Board of Supervisors when vacancies arise.
h. The Senate must vote to confirm the nominated member to serve on the Elections Board. A simple majority of Senators present and voting is required for a member to be confirmed.
i. Once a member is nominated and confirmed to serve on the Elections Board, that member shall serve until the next Student Body President is inaugurated, or they resign from their position, whichever occurs first.
    i. Upon completion of their term, Supervisors may submit themselves as candidates for renomination to the Elections Commissioner. If nominated, they shall be treated as new nominees per Article III, Section 4(g).

SECTION 5. JURISDICTION

a. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction over cases involving, but not limited to:
    i. The interpretation of the UKSGA constitution, bylaws, and any amendments hereto;
    ii. Offenses in violation of the constitution;
    iii. Interpretation of the constitutionality of Senate legislation and bylaws and executive actions;
    iv. Matters involving election disputes and campaign infractions.
b. The Supreme Court shall have the power to grant the appropriate relief required to correct any infractions or violations in matters arising out of the constitution.
c. All decisions following April 2020 by the Supreme Court are final and binding on the UKSGA and shall be made readily accessible to the membership.
    i. Decisions of the Supreme Court shall not be considered binding if they are deemed improper or are overturned by the University of Kentucky University Appeals Board or any local, state, or federal court.
d. The Supreme Court, at its discretion, may assign cases to the General Court for consideration in line with the appropriate governing documents and the Judicial Handbook.
e. The Elections Commissioner is granted the full authority by this constitution to:
    i. Oversee the UKSGA electoral processes;
    ii. Serve as the Chair of the Elections Board; and
    iii. Cast the tie-breaking vote in the Elections Board when the body is equally divided. They shall have no vote otherwise.
f. The Elections Board shall have original jurisdiction over claims and complaints in the UKSGA electoral process.

SECTION 6. THE JUDICIAL HANDBOOK

a. The Supreme Court shall promulgate and duly abide by the provisions of a Judicial Branch Handbook. This Handbook shall contain, but is not limited to, rules regarding Judicial Branch civil procedure, evidentiary guidelines, and judicial ethics.
    i. The members of the General Court shall sit as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Supreme Court to promulgate the Judicial Handbook.
b. The Supreme Court shall have sole jurisdiction in the creation, modification, and enforcement of the Judicial Handbook, provided that all provisions in the Judicial Handbook are in compliance with the UKSGA Constitution and other governing documents. The Judicial Handbook, and any modifications therein, shall be approved by a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Court.
c. The General Court is bound in all aspects by the Judicial Handbook.

SECTION 7. JUDICIAL QUORUM

a. The Supreme Court shall have the authority to hear cases and appeals, regardless of whether a vacancy on the Supreme Court exists. Likewise, the Supreme Court shall

have the authority to hear cases and appeals in the event a Justice recuses themselves from a matter before the Supreme Court in accordance with the Judicial Handbook, the appropriate governing documents, or otherwise.

b. The General Court shall hear cases in a single-judge panel. Likewise, the General Court shall have the authority to hear cases in the event a Judge recuses themselves from a matter before the General Court in accordance with the Judicial Handbook, the appropriate governing documents, or otherwise, at which point said case shall be assigned to another Judge of the General Court.
c. The Elections Board shall review claims and complaints, regardless of whether a vacancy exists on the Elections Board. Likewise, the Elections Board shall have the authority to review claims and complaints if a Supervisor recuses themselves from a matter before the Elections Board in accordance with the Judicial Handbook, the appropriate governing documents, or otherwise.

ARTICLE IV: INTERBRANCH AFFAIRS

SECTION 1. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

a. The Constitutional Review Committee shall be composed of the following members: the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Attorney General, Senate Speaker, each Senate Standing Committee Chair, Senate Solicitor General, Elections Commissioner, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
    i. Each member of the Constitutional Review Committee may, at their discretion, designate another active member to serve in their place for any duration of time, up to the entirety of their term.
b. The Attorney General shall serve as the chair of the committee and the Senate Solicitor General shall serve as the vice chair during a regularly scheduled review year. If the Constitutional Review Committee is convened outside of a regularly scheduled review year, the Senate Solicitor General shall serve as the chair of the committee and the Attorney General shall serve as the vice chair.
c. The Constitutional Review Committee shall be convened at the beginning of every fourth academic year after the 2019-2020 academic year. The committee shall finish their business by the end of the academic year during which they are convened.
d. With the unanimous written consent of the Student Body President, Senate Speaker, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Review Committee may be convened in a year outside of the regularly scheduled review.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Constitutional Review Committee Shall:

a. Evaluate the efficacy of this constitution;
b. If necessary, draft amendments for consideration by the Senate in accordance with the amendment process;
c. Keep and report minutes to the Senate through the duration of their work in compliance with all recordkeeping requirements of the Senate; and

d. Abide by the same rules that guide the procedure of the Standing Committees of the Senate outlined in the appropriate governing documents.

SECTION 3. THE UKSGA CLERK

a. The UKSGA Clerk shall serve as the chief recordkeeping officer of UKSGA, maintaining the appropriate documentation from all three (3) branches and interbranch affairs.
    i. The UKSGA Clerk shall work to ensure compliance with all open meetings and open records requirements prescribed in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.
    ii. Specific duties of the UKSGA Clerk shall be outlined in the appropriate governing documents.
b. The UKSGA Clerk shall be nominated by a simple majority vote of the Student Body President, Senate Speaker, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, subject to approve by a simple majority of Senators present and voting.

SECTION 4. AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION

Any active member found to be in violation of the requirements for active membership shall immediately submit their resignation to the appropriate entity upon notification of such violation.

Should an active member fail to submit the mandated resignation within five (5) academic days, they shall be considered to have automatically resigned from their position.

SECTION 5. ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE

a. The President of the University of Kentucky and the members of their Cabinet shall retain all privileges of the floor in meetings.
b. The University President and all members of the University President's Cabinet shall have the privilege of the floor.
c. UKSGA shall not compel the appearance or service of any member or non-member.
d. UKSGA shall publish all meeting records no later than three (3) full business days (Monday through Friday, excluding official University holidays) prior to the next meeting of that body.
    i. Meeting records shall include a record of all votes conducted, including the final vote tally.
    ii. All meeting records, including a vote tally, shall be transmitted to the appropriate administrator(s).
e. Anyone may petition to speak through the presiding officer in a meeting. The appropriate governing document shall establish the criteria to determine whether a petitioner may speak at a meeting.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1. REFERENDA ITEM AMENDMENTS

a. Referenda Item Amendments to this constitution may originate from the Constitutional Review Committee or any Senate Standing Committee.
    i. Any Referenda Item Amendment originating from the Constitutional Review Committee shall require the consent of two-thirds of the Constitutional Review Committee members present and voting.
b. There shall be two (2) readings of the Referenda Item Amendment before the Senate. Upon the first reading, the presiding officer shall allow time to discuss the item, particularly for members to ask the amendment authors questions. A vote on the amendment shall not be taken upon the first reading. The second reading shall occur at the next Senate meeting. Upon the second reading, the presiding officer shall treat the Referenda Item Amendment as a motion on the floor and the Senate may engage with it as they would any other motion.
    i. Readings of Referenda Item Amendments before the Senate may be conducted at regularly scheduled or specially called meetings of the Senate. The second reading of the item before the Senate shall occur no sooner than seventy-two (72) hours following the first reading.
c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Senators present and voting is required for approval of the Referenda Item Amendment.
d. If the Referenda Item amendment is approved by the Senate, it shall be placed on the ballot at the next election as a referenda item. A simple majority of members voting on the amendment is required for ratification, and all members are entitled to a vote.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

a. Administrative Amendments to this constitution may originate from the Constitutional Review Committee or any Senate Standing Committee.
b. An Administrative Amendment is limited to amending this constitution to conform to university policy or procedural directives, which shall be outlined and referenced explicitly in the preamble of the Administrative Amendment.
c. There shall be two (2) readings of the Administrative Amendment before the Senate. Upon the first reading, the presiding officer shall allow time to discuss the item, particularly for members to ask the amendment authors questions. A vote on the amendment shall not be taken upon the first reading. The second reading shall occur at the next Senate meeting. Upon the second reading, the presiding officer shall treat the Administrative Amendment as a motion on the floor, and the Senate may engage with it as it would any other motion.
    i. Readings of Administrative Amendments before the Senate may be conducted at regularly scheduled or specially called meetings of the Senate. The second reading of the item before the Senate shall occur no sooner than seventy-two (72) hours following the first reading.
d. A simple majority of Senators present and voting is required for approval of the Administrative Amendment.

e. If the Senate approves an Administrative Amendment, it shall be immediately added to this constitution.