

Article III, Section 2, Subsection C of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:

### C. GOLDEN RULE

1. Campus Council shall give priority to those items on its agenda. Additional items may be added at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The agenda must be sent out to the Senators at least twenty-four hours before each meeting.
2. Any items of new business requiring approval by Campus Council may ~~not~~ be voted on. ~~This rule may be suspended by concurrence of four-fifths of Campus Council, provided that all members have a copy of the proposal.~~ The Golden Rule, which postpones voting on new business to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Campus Council, may be invoked by request of two individual senators. The request to invoke the Golden Rule takes effect immediately, is not debatable, and is not subject to Campus Council approval. Campus Council may discuss why the motion to suspend adopt the Golden Rule is necessary.

The following shall be inserted between current Articles III and IV with the sections renumbered appropriately:

## **ARTICLE IV. JUDICIAL REVIEW/OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Judicial Review/Oversight Committee shall consist of one faculty member, one student at large (chair), and the Presiding Officer (PO) of Campus Council.

### SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Judicial Review/Oversight Committee shall be responsible for, on request from a student, reviewing and rendering a decision on the constitutionality of by-law changes, actions by Senators or Cabinet members, and other student government initiatives and actions.

### SECTION 3. GUIDELINES

#### A. SELECTING CASES FOR REVIEW

Upon receiving a request, the Committee shall decide on whether the merits of the case warrant a review. In the event that a review is denied, the Committee may, at their discretion, forward the case to appropriate SGA committees. A student, whose case is not heard, may appeal the Committee's decision to not take the case to Campus Council. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required to overturn the decision.

#### B. REVIEW PROCEDURE

Reviews of SGA actions shall occur in the following manner:

1. A student submits a request for an SGA action to be reviewed.
2. The members of the committee meet or communicate with each other regarding the validity of the case.

3. If the committee deems the case valid, they shall schedule a time for arguments to be heard on case in question. They shall inform the SGA President, the Administrative Coordinator, any other named actors, and the requesting student of the committee's meeting time for the case.
4. A hearing shall be held where the requester and either the Administrative Coordinator or another relevant actor have an equal amount of time to present arguments for or against the constitutionality of the action in question.
5. Following the hearings, the committee shall set a time within the next week to meet and review the case.
6. Subsequent to the hearing, a decision must be reached by a majority of the committee on how to rule.
7. The committee shall then be responsible for writing a decision and delivering the decision to the student body and the SGA.

#### C. OPEN HEARINGS

Unless otherwise specified, all hearings of the Judicial Review/Oversight Committee are open to any student. The committee may declare any hearing closed to all persons but the involved parties when a case is of a sensitive nature. All review meetings of the committee shall be closed to all non-members.

#### D. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for the student at large shall be one semester. The number of terms co may serve shall be limited to three terms. The term of office for the faculty member and PO shall not be set.

#### E. ELIGIBILITY

Any full time student of Grinnell College shall be eligible for the position as chair of the Judicial Review/Oversight Committee, provided that co is at least a first-semester sophomore at the time of assuming office, is planning to be in attendance on the Grinnell College campus for the duration of the term of office, and will not concurrently be a Campus Council Senator or an SGA Cabinet Officer.

#### F. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The student at large shall be appointed by the SGA Cabinet and approved by a two-thirds majority of Campus Council. The faculty member shall be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

### SECTION IV. POWERS

The Judicial Review/Oversight Committee shall have the power to strike down unconstitutional actions by the SGA. A decision by the committee may be repealed by a constitutional amendment following standard amendment procedures.

The following changes are proposed to the SGA Constitution, Article III:

## 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- a. Senators are allowed a maximum of two absences from regular sessions of Campus Council. Only one of these two absences may be without a substitute. If co exceeds two absences, the Administrative Coordinator must begin impeachment proceedings.
- b. The SGA Administrative Coordinator may petition the removal of a Senator who is not fulfilling cos duties by making a motion to impeach during a session of Campus Council.
- c. Any student may petition the removal of a Senator who is not fulfilling cos duties by presenting a petition of 50 constituents from cos cluster to Campus Council. Such a petition must be presented by the petitioner or the SGA Administrative Coordinator, who then must make a motion to impeach during a session of Campus Council.
- d. Two-thirds approval of Campus Council is required to remove a Senator from office via impeachment. ~~After removal of a Senator from office, Election Board will hold a new election within seven days, unless there are three or fewer Campus Council sessions to be held in the remainder of eos term.~~
- e. Excused medical and family-related absences will not count towards the total for impeachment proceedings.

## 7. ELECTION OF SENATORS

- a. The first round of elections for Senators shall begin on the second Monday of the semester for which the Senators will serve.

## 8. VACANCIES

- a. In the event that a Senator position becomes vacant for any reason, including but not limited to impeachment, failure to elect, or resignation, such a vacancy must be filled.
- b. If a vacancy occurs when there are six or more sessions of Campus Council scheduled for the remainder of the semester, and if the vacancy occurs in a cluster in which the number of candidates in the original election exceeded the number of available Senator positions, Election Board shall hold a special election not more than 7 days after the vacancy occurs.
- c. If a vacancy occurs when there are six or more sessions of Campus Council scheduled for the remainder of the semester, and if the vacancy occurs in a cluster in which the number of candidates in the original election did not exceed the number of available Senator positions, the President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Student Affairs shall select a Senator from that constituency who meets the eligibility guidelines in Article III of the Constitution, Section 1.A.5.a & b. Such a selection shall be subject to the approval of two-thirds of Campus Council.

d. If a vacancy occurs when there are fewer than six sessions of Campus Council scheduled for the remainder of the semester, the President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Student Affairs shall select a Senator from that constituency who meets the eligibility guidelines in Article III of the Constitution, Section 1.A.5.a & b. Such a selection shall be subject to the approval of two-thirds of Campus Council.

Article VIII of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:

#### SECTION 1. RATIFICATION

This Constitution takes effect immediately upon ratification by sixty percent of the students voting on the Constitutional proposal ~~and approval by the President of the College.~~

#### SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed for the ratification process by any of the following manners:
1. by petition to Campus Council of ~~200~~ ten percent of the students body.
  2. by petition of two-thirds of Campus Council Senators.
  3. by the President of the College.
- B. All proposed amendments must be reviewed by Reform Committee before being put to the student body for ratification. Reform Committee may offer counsel on a proposed amendment, but does not have the power to make changes to a proposed amendment without the consent of its author.
- C. All amendments must be ratified within ~~two weeks~~ the semester in which they are proposed excluding time when the College is not in session, by two-thirds sixty percent of the students voting and approved by the President of the College. Twenty percent of the student body must vote in the ratification election for the election to be valid.
1. SGA Cabinet shall be responsible for informing the President of the College about the passage of any constitutional amendments in a timely manner.
  2. The President of the College may review the amendment personally or may forward the amendment to a member of the President's senior staff for review.
  3. The President of the College or senior staff member who reviews the amendment shall have the power to veto the amendment. They shall have two weeks upon receipt of the amendment to issue a veto.
- D. Once the Constitution is ratified, a copy of the Constitution signed by the Administrative Coordinator ~~SGA President, Vice Presidents and the President of the College~~ shall be kept on permanent file in the SGA President's office, ~~in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, in the Office of the President of the College,~~ on permanent reserve in Burling Library, and publicly accessible through electronic means.

Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

- E. All SGA appropriations from the financial committees must be reviewed at the first Campus Council meeting following the allocation. Campus Council does not need to review the decision and the committee's decision will take effect immediately, unless otherwise contested and the budget is under \$700.
  - 1. Any budget, regardless of dollar amount, which contains funding for student wages shall require approval from Campus Council each semester before the budget takes effect.