

Stephen F. Austin State University
Student Activities Association
Constitution

Article I. Name

The name of this organization will be the Student Activities Association of Stephen F. Austin State University. The organization will serve as the student programming component of the Stephen F. Austin State University Student Engagement Office.

Article II. Purpose

The charge to the organization is to efficiently and effectively provide a variety of cultural, social, recreational, entertaining and educational programs for the Stephen F. Austin State University community.

Article III. Membership

The Student Activities Association shall provide students two types of membership. Membership shall include Officers and Program Board Members.

A. Officers

The officers of the Student Activities Association will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Public Relations – Events and Public Relations – SAA Cinema

1. Qualifications

Applicants for an officer position must meet the following requirements to qualify for office and must maintain these qualifications at all times during their term of office.

Officers must:

- a) Be enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University
- b) Carry at least twelve (12) credit hours during each long semester of their term
- c) Maintain a minimum 2.35 cumulative GPA during each semester of their term*
- d) Maintain this position as their primary leadership position on campus.

*If an officer should fall below the 2.35 mark but remain above the 2.0 they will have one semester to raise their GPA or must release their position.

2. Selection

The President and Vice President are selected by an interview team after making application via the following process:

- a) Applications for President and Vice President will be received by the Student Activities Association Advisor beginning in November each year.
- b) The Advisor will chair an interview team consisting of three or more of the following
 - The Assistant Director of Student Engagement
 - The Graduate Assistant or Student Assistant
 - The Director of Student Engagement
 - The current Student Activities Association President
 - One Faculty/Staff Representative
- c) This interview team will interview applicants for officer positions beginning in November.

The secretary and special events coordinator are selected by the President and Vice President in the spring semester of each year. Membership Coordinator and both Public Relations Coordinators are elected by majority of the current membership in the spring semester of each year.

3. Terms of Office

Officers will serve a term of approximately one (1) year beginning in late April or early May.

B. Program Board

The Program Board shall consist of the Officers and the Program Board Members.

1. Qualifications

Applicants for Program Board must meet the following requirements to qualify for office and must maintain these qualifications at all times during their terms of office. Program Board Members must:

- a) Be enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University
- b) Carry at least twelve (12) credit hours during each long semester of their term
- c) Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA during each semester of their term

2. Selection

The Program Board Members are selected by an interview team after making application via the following process:

- a) Applications for Student Activities Association Members will be received by the Office of Student Activities Association year round.
- b) The Membership Coordinator will chair an interview team consisting of three or more of the following:
 - The Advisors
 - The Graduate Assistant or Student Assistant
 - SAA Officers
 - Current Program Board Members
- c) This interview team will interview applicants for member positions in early fall, spring or as needed to fill vacant positions
- d) The number of positions available will be determined by the President and Advisor on a yearly basis.

3. Terms of Office

Program Board Members will serve a term of approximately one (1) year. At the end of their term each Program Board Member not currently holding an office will be allowed to sign up for another term without completing the interview process, pending approval of the Advisor and outgoing President.

4. Non-Voting Members

The Program Board shall have as non-voting members:

- a) Secretary
- b) The Advisors
- c) The Graduate Assistant or Student Assistant
- d) The president will serve as a non-voting member. In the instance of a tie, the president will serve as the tie-breaker.

Article IV. Removal from Office

The Advisor may remove any member for just cause after noncompliance of volunteer removal system as outlined in the By-Laws. The entire membership may remove an officer for just cause as outlined in the By-Laws Section VII.

Article V. Meetings

The Student Activities Association shall meet no less than twice monthly during each long semester and at other times as called by the President of SAA. A quorum of 51% of voting members must be present in order to conduct business.

Article VI. Amendments to the Constitution

1. Constitutional Revision

- a) Proposals to amend this Constitution may be voted on by two-thirds (2/3) of the General Membership
- b) Amendments shall go into effect upon approval by the Student Engagement Office including the Assistant Director of Student Engagement and Advisors
- c) The authority granted to the Student Activities Association under this Constitution and By-Laws shall be subject to the policies, rules and regulations of Stephen F. Austin State University.

2. Transition

The present Student Activities Association shall act as the Student Activities Association under this constitution until time as a new group shall be sworn in.