



# Constitution

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**Constitution**  
**Student Government Association**  
**University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County**

**Preamble**

The Student Government Association of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County is the official organized voice of the student population of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County. The Student Government Association was created in order to give students a voice in shared governance at the institution, system, and national levels. The Student Government Association actively promotes students’ interests, organizes student activities and manages student funds.

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Student Government Association and be known under the abbreviation of SGA.

**Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the SGA will be to advocate for student voice in shared governance at the institution, system, and national levels. The SGA will also actively promote students’ interests, organize student activities and manage student funds.

**Article III. Membership**

Membership to SGA shall be limited to students who attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County campus. All students upon enrollment and payment of segregated fees are to be considered members.

**Article IV. Organization**

**Section I. Structure**

The SGA shall consist of the following two branches:

1. Executive
2. Legislative

**Section II. Officers and Senators**

The SGA shall consist of the following Executive Branch Officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Media Relations Director

The SGA shall consist of the following Legislative Branch Senators:

1. Four (4) Freshman Senators
2. Four (4) Sophomore Senators

### Section III. Elections and Appointments

Elections of the SGA shall occur and end in the month of September for the Fall Elections and during the month of April for the Spring Elections. Fall Elections shall be for electing four (4) Freshman Senators and Spring Elections shall be for electing four (4) Sophomore Senators and five (5) officer positions.

Appointments of the SGA shall be made upon elections having ended and members have been elected to the SGA as voting members of the SGA.

### Section IV. Terms of Office

Terms of office for the SGA shall be the following:

1. All elected members of the SGA shall hold office for a term of one (1) academic year.

### Section V. Powers

The SGA members, by a majority vote of those present, shall initiate and implement rules and regulations pertaining to student welfare.

Allocate and transfer Student Activity Funds in accordance with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County and SUFAC committee guidelines and other policy papers.

Certify all University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire–Barron County student organizations, clubs, or groups under the guidelines for expenditures from segregated fees and campus activity receipts, under policy.

Establish all student government ad hoc and standing committees and determine their function and membership criteria.

**Article V. Meetings**

Meetings of the SGA shall be held at least, but are not limited to, bi-weekly throughout the Spring and Fall semesters of each academic school year. The President and Vice President and the SGA Advisor shall meet at least once in each of the summer months of June, July and August.

**Article VI. Quorum**

Quorum shall consist of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the total voting members of the SGA plus one (1).

**Article VII. Legislative Process****Section I. Adoption**

A legislative document may be brought to the SGA by any member of the SGA. The member must provide the legislative document to any voting member of the SGA, after which, the document will be introduced at a meeting within two (2) weeks of receiving the aforementioned document. The SGA will debate and vote on the legislative document being proposed. To pass the legislative document in the SGA in this fashion requires a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of attending voting members. If a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote is not met, the document dies. After the document is passed in this way, the document will be adopted immediately.

Any member of the SGA may propose legislative documents