

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES – SPRING 2019

1. Article II Section 2. F.: Once elected, each member of the Executive Board must maintain a reasonable **NVU-Lyndon (Lyndon State College)** judicial record. *(Current: Once elected, each member of the Executive Board must maintain a reasonable Lyndon State College (NVU-Lyndon) judicial record.)*
 - YES – 84 (96.6%) **PASS**
 - NO – 3 (3.4%)

2. Article II Section 3. A. 14: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, **SGA Executive Board retreat** and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB. *(Current: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, college wide retreat and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB.)*
 - YES – 87 (100%) **PASS**
 - NO – 0 (0%)

3. Article II Section 3. A. 15.: Must participate in **three (3) Town Hall meetings per semester, with one town hall in September, October, November, February, March, and April.** *(Current: Must participate in at least one (1) "Town Hall" meeting per month, except January.)*
 - YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**
 - NO – 10 (11.5%)

4. Article II Section 3. B. 1.: Shall **have first priority** to become President upon the resignation, impeachment, or incapacity of the President. *(Current: Shall become President upon the resignation, impeachment, or incapacity of the President.)*
 - YES – 81 (93.1%) **PASS**
 - NO – 6 (6.9%)

5. Article II Section 3. B. 9: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, **SGA Executive Board retreat** and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB. *(Current: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, college wide retreat and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB.)*
 - YES – 85 (97.7%) **PASS**
 - NO – 2 (2.3%)

6. Article II Section 3. B. 14.: Must participate in **three (3) Town Hall meetings per semester, with one town hall in September, October, November, February, March, and April.** *(Current: Must participate in at least one (1) "Town Hall" meeting per month, except January.)*
 - YES – 75 (86.2%) **PASS**
 - NO – 12 (13.8%)

7. Article II Section 3. C. 2.: Shall oversee income and expenses for all organizations of the SGA under the direction of the **SGA Adviser** or the Controller of the College. *(Current: Shall oversee*

income and expenses for all organizations of the SGA under the direction of the Dean of Administration or the Controller of the College.)

- YES – 84 (96.6%) **PASS**
- NO – 3 (3.4%)

8. Article II Section 3. C. 8.: ~~Shall meet with the Controller of the College at least bi-weekly to balance and check all budgets and General Fund allocations.~~

- YES – 58 (66.7%) **PASS**
- NO – 29 (33.3%)

9. Article II Section 3. C. 11: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, **SGA Executive Board retreat** and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB. (*Current: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, college wide retreat and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB.*)

- YES – 83 (95.4%) **PASS**
- NO – 4 (4.6%)

10. Article II Section 3. C. 17.: Must participate in **three (3) Town Hall meetings per semester, with one town hall in September, October, November, February, March, and April.** (*Current: Must participate in at least one (1) "Town Hall" meeting per month, except January.*)

- YES – 73 (83.9%) **PASS**
- NO – 14 (16.1%)

11. Article II Section 3. D. 1.: Shall **take attendance** at the beginning of all SGA meetings. (*Current: Shall call roll at the beginning of all SGA meetings.*)

- YES – 82 (94.3%) **PASS**
- NO – 5 (5.7%)

12. Article II Section 3. D. 7: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, **SGA Executive Board retreat** and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB. (*Current: Must make every effort to attend State of the College address, budget addresses, college wide retreat and any other informational presentation pertinent to the college and SB.*)

- YES – 82 (94.3%) **PASS**
- NO – 5 (5.7%)

13. Article II Section 3. D. 13.: Must participate in **three (3) Town Hall meetings per semester, with one town hall in September, October, November, February, March, and April.** (*Current: Must participate in at least one (1) "Town Hall" meeting per month, except January.*)

- YES – 72 (82.8%) **PASS**
- NO – 15 (17.2%)

14. Article II Section 3. D. 14.: **Shall enforce the NVU-Lyndon Poster and Chalking Policy within the SGA.**

- YES – 76 (87.4%) **PASS**
- NO – 11 (12.6%)

15. Article II Section 3. H.: **Vacancies of Office for Executive Board members**

- a. Article II Section 3. H. 1.: **Any Executive Board member may resign from SGA at any time by presenting a written letter to the SGA. Their resignation becomes effective immediately.**
- b. Article II Section 3. H. 1a.: **Upon the resignation of any Executive Board member, the other members of the Executive Board have first priority in filling the vacant position. Any positions left vacant will be open to any SGA Elected Official or Club Representative who will present their interest and qualifications to the SGA General Board. The SGA General Board will then vote to instate or not instate that candidate.**
 - YES – 80 (92.0%) **PASS**
 - NO – 7 (8.0%)

16. Article II Section 4. A. 1.: SGA Elected Officials can write and sign a Letter of Intent addressed to the SGA Advisor(s) and Director of Student Life detailing their qualifications and worthiness for compensation. The Letter of Intent should be submitted no later than the last **day of classes**. *(Current: SGA Elected Officials can write and sign a Letter of Intent addressed to the SGA Advisor(s) and Director of Student Life detailing their qualifications and worthiness for compensation. The Letter of Intent should be submitted no later than the last Friday of April.)*

- YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**
- NO – 10 (11.5%)

17. Article II Section 4. A. 3.: Should the SGA Advisor(s) and Director of Student Life agree that candidate is worthy of a **stipend**, they will receive a scholarship not to exceed **\$1,500** each. Each Elected Representatives or members of the Executive Cabinet can do the same, not to exceed **\$500** each. These stipends will be given in the form of a check **to be received no later than the last day of the fiscal year**. *(Current: Should the SGA Advisor(s) and Director of Student Life agree that candidate is worthy of a scholarship, they will receive a scholarship not to exceed \$1,000 each. Each Elected Representatives or members of the Executive Cabinet can do the same, not to exceed \$500 each. These stipends will be given in the form of a leadership scholarship, with exceptions for graduating seniors in a form of a check.)*

- YES – 79 (90.8%) **PASS**
- NO – 8 (9.2%)

18. Article III Section 1. C.: The positions shall be as follows: SGA Representative of Campus Activities Board, SAAC Representative, **Residential Life Representative, and Peer Leading Representative**. *(Current: The positions Vice President of Communications and Outreach, and Student Life Representative.)*

- YES – 80 (92.0%) **PASS**
- NO – 7 (8.0%)

19. Article III Section 2. A.: **Executive Cabinet Representatives** must have at least one (1) semester of SGA experience or by appeal. (*Current: The Vice President of Communications and Outreach must have at least (1) semester of SGA experience or by appeal.*)

- YES – 79 (90.8%) **PASS**
- NO – 8 (9.2%)

20. Article III Section 2. B.: **Executive Cabinet Representatives** must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher in order to hold the position or by appeal. (*Current: The Vice President of Communications and Outreach must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher in order to hold the position or by appeal.*)

- YES – 80 (92.0%) **PASS**
- NO – 7 (8.0%)

21. Article III Section 2. C.: Once appointed, each member of the Executive Cabinet must maintain a reasonable **Northern Vermont University - Lyndon** (Lyndon State College) judicial record. (*Current: Once appointed, each member of the Executive Cabinet must maintain a reasonable Lyndon State College judicial record.*)

- YES – 79 (90.8%) **PASS**
- NO – 8 (9.2%)

22. Article III Section 3. B.: ~~Vice President of Communications and Outreach~~

- ~~1. Shall review and approve all on-campus club advertising requests.~~
- ~~2. Shall enforce the Lyndon State College Poster and Chalking Policy within the SGA.~~
- ~~3. Shall abide by the SGA constitution at all times.~~
- ~~4. Must have two (2) office hours per week~~

- YES – 56 (64.4%) **PASS**
- NO – 31 (35.6%)

23. Article III Section 3. D.: **Residential Life Representative**

- 1. The general purpose of this advisory liaison is to foster collaboration between the SGA and the student staff of Student Life, specifically Resident Assistants, to better address the needs of residential students at NVU- Lyndon.**
- 2. The specific duties of this position shall be determined by the Assistant Director of Student Life or the Director of Student Life.**
- 3. Shall abide by the SGA constitution at all times.**
- 4. This position must be filled by a Resident Assistant.**

Article III Section 3. E.: Peer Leading Representative

- 1. The general purpose of this advisory liaison is to foster collaboration between the SGA and the student staff of Student Life, specifically Peer Leaders, to better address the needs of first-year students at NVU- Lyndon.**
- 2. The specific duties of this position shall be determined by the Director of Student Life.**

3. Shall abide by the SGA constitution at all times.
4. This position must be filled by a Peer Leader.

(Current Article III Section 3. D.: Student Life Representative

The general purpose of this advisory liaison is to foster collaboration between the SGA and the student staff of Student Life, including Resident Assistants and Peer Leaders, better address of the needs of residential and first-year students at NVU- Lyndon.

1. *The specific duties of this position shall be determined by the Student Life Executive Board and the SGA Executive Board.*
2. *Shall abide by the SGA constitution at all times.*
3. *This position must be filled by a Student Life student employee, either as a Resident Assistant or Peer Leader.)*

The current Article III Section 3. E. would become Article III Section 3. F. if this is approved.

- YES – 80 (92.0%) **PASS**
- NO – 7 (8.0%)

24. Article IV Section 3. B. 3.: ~~Elected Representatives and SGA Executive Board members may not represent clubs except for the Administrative Vice President. The Administrative Vice President of the SGA will also serve as the representative to the SGA for the SGA Executive Board.~~

- YES – 60 (69.0%) **PASS**
- NO – 27 (31.0%)

25. Article IV Section 4. A. 4.: Attend the campus-wide retreat *(Current: When available, attend the campus-wide retreat)*

- YES – 76 (87.4%) **PASS**
- NO – 11 (12.6%)

26. Article IV Section 4. A. 8.: **Will serve as a member of the Board of Elections.**

- YES – 78 (89.7%) **PASS**
- NO – 9 (10.3%)

27. Article IV Section 4. A. 9.: **Must ensure they are on the SGA e-mail list and recognize this is the main communication between the SGA Executive Board and the SB.**

- YES – 82 (94.3%) **PASS**
- NO – 5 (5.7%)

28. Article IV Section 4. B. 4.: **Must ensure they are on the SGA e-mail list and recognize this is the main communication between the SGA Executive Board and the SB, specifically club members.**

- YES – 82 (94.3%) **PASS**

NO – 5 (5.7%)

29. Article IV Section 4. C. 9.: Any requests **\$500** and under may be allocated by the SGA Executive Board by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote. *(Current: Any requests \$1,000 and under may be allocated by the SGA Executive Board by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote)*

YES – 74 (85.1%) **PASS**

NO – 13 (14.9%)

30. Article V Section 1. E. 5.: In the event that no eligible person is elected **to fill a vacant position the position shall be opened to the entire SB. To be eligible for election, the candidate must meet with the Advisor(s) and present a petition of 150 signatures to the SGA. The candidate must then present their interest and qualifications to the SGA General Board who will then vote to instate or not instate the candidate.** *(Current: In the event that no eligible person is elected then the SGA Advisor(s) along with the Board of Elections will meet to discuss how to proceed.)*

YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**

NO – 10 (11.5%)

31. Article VI Section 2. A. 2.: **Elected Representatives are required to be on the Board of Elections and must attend the yearly budgeting process nights assigned by the SGA Financial Controller. Representatives who cannot attend must notify the SGA Executive Board of their absence in writing at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic forfeiture of their position.**

YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**

NO – 10 (11.5%)

32. Article VI Section 2. B. 2.: Five (5) unexcused absences **will result in the club's dismissal from the SGA for the remainder of the academic year.** *(Current: Five (5) unexcused absences the club will automatically be dismissed from the SGA for the remainder of the academic year.)*

YES – 81 (93.1%) **PASS**

NO – 6 (6.9%)

33. Article IV Section 2. B. 2a.: The **SGA Administrative Vice President** will notify a club of all unexcused absences three (3) days following the occurrence. *(Current: The President will notify a club of all unexcused absences three (3) days following the occurrence.)*

YES – 76 (87.4%) **PASS**

NO – 11 (12.6%)

34. Article VII Section 3. A. 6.: It has an active student membership roster of **five (5)** which includes the club or organization's Executive Board. *(Current: It has an active student membership roster of seven (7) which includes the club or organization's Executive Board.)*

- YES – 80 (92.0%) **PASS**
- NO – 7 (8.0%)

35. Article VII Section 3. A. 9.: **It adheres to the NVU-Lyndon Poster and Chalking Policy at all times.**

- YES – 79 (90.8%) **PASS**
- NO – 8 (9.2%)

36. Article VII Section 3. B.: **Clubs and organizations not considered in good standing will have their budgets frozen.**

- 1. In order for a club to lift the freeze off their budget, the club's entire executive board along with the Club Representative must attend the next SGA meeting to present a case as to why the freeze should be lifted.**
- 2. The SGA must vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority to lift the freeze off a club's budget.**

- YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**
- NO – 10 (11.5%)

37. Article VII Section 6. A.: After the **Controller of Northern Vermont University and the SGA Advisor** have made a determination that a club is no longer in existence, then the SGA has the ability to revoke any or all funds that were given to that club. *(Current: After the VSC Board of Trustees or their designees have made a determination that a club is no longer in existence, then the SGA has the ability to revoke any or all funds from the General Fund that were given to that club. After two (2) years of non-existence all fundraising money will be liquidated into the General Fund.)*

- YES – 77 (88.5%) **PASS**
- NO – 10 (11.5%)