

CONSTITUTION

Student Government Association

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Mission Statement

The Student Government Association exists first and foremost to represent the student body of Mount Mercy University. It will give support to all student clubs, organizations, and committees, and will also promote activities that will ensure growth and provide leadership opportunities to all.

Article I: Name

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Student Government Association (SGA) of Mount Mercy University and shall herein be called SGA.

Article II: Purpose

- Section 1: To serve as the official voice of the student body in matters pertaining to the Mount Mercy University community.
- Section 2: To serve as a liaison with faculty, staff, and administration of Mount Mercy University.
- Section 3: To serve as a liaison with faculty, staff, and administration on issues that affect students on a local, state, and national level.
- Section 4: To promote student growth and awareness through the direct supervision of appointed / elected representatives by the Executive Council.
- Section 5: The SGA recognizes that Mount Mercy is a Catholic Mercy University founded by the Sisters of Mercy and will abide by and uphold the mission of the University and the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, while promoting

service and sustainability by example and by enabling involvement in service opportunities.

Article III: Authority

- Section 1: The SGA shall be governed by an executive council of Officers, Student Senate, Student Cabinet and a General Assembly which shall serve as the ratifying body for SGA.
- Section 2: All students, clubs, and organizations of Mount Mercy University shall be subject to the Constitution, By Laws, and policies of the SGA of Mount Mercy University as well as to institutional policies.
- Section 3: The SGA shall adopt a set of By Laws consistent with the powers and duties of the officers, and set forth policies and guidelines of the meetings and the conduct of the General Assembly, and any other provisions necessary for the orderly administration of SGA.
- Section 4: The member clubs, organizations, and committees of the General Assembly shall maintain such a relationship with the SGA Executive Council and General Assembly so as to maintain open lines of communication and to provide for SGA's direct authority over said clubs, organizations, and committees.
- Section 5: The SGA shall be empowered to carry out all the provisions and necessary implications of the Constitution and to make such regulations as it considers necessary to attain this end. The powers listed herein shall be vested in the SGA of Mount Mercy University.
- Section 6: Any student, club, or organization shall have the right to a hearing before the Executive Council of the SGA in any question of which the SGA has jurisdiction. Arrangements for the hearing must be made with the Executive Council prior to any such hearing.
- Section 7: The meetings of the General Assembly of the SGA shall be conducted under the framework provided by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

Article IV: Membership

- Section 1: Membership of SGA shall be open to all registered students of Mount Mercy University.

- Section 2: The SGA shall be composed of an Executive Council of Officers, Student Senate, Student Cabinet and a General Assembly.
- Section 3: Voting Membership shall consist of members of the Executive Council, members of the Student Senate, and the official membership of the General Assembly.
- Section 4: The Executive Council shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer each carrying one vote.
- Section 5: The Executive Council shall appoint a Cabinet to serve on the Executive Council.
- Section 6: The official membership of the Student Cabinet shall be outlined in the SGA Bylaws.
- Section 7: The official membership of the Student Senate shall be outlined in the SGA Bylaws.
- Section 8: The official membership of the General Assembly shall be outlined in the SGA Bylaws.

Article V: Quorum

- Section 1: The quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of a simple majority of the elected members to said council.
- Section 2: The quorum of the Student Senate shall consist of a simple majority of the elected members to said council.
- Section 3: The quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of a simple majority of all club elected / appointed representations.

Article VI: Ratification

- Section 1: Ratification of the Constitution of the SGA shall be by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly and Senate.
- Section 2: Ratification of the By Laws of the SGA shall be by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly and Senate.

Article VII: Amendments of SGA Constitution and By Laws

Section 1: An amendment may be proposed by any member of SGA General Assembly at any General Assembly meeting for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the General Assembly.

Section 2: A proposed amendment may not be tabled by a member of the SGA Executive Council.

Section 3: Proposed amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the SGA General Assembly and a simple majority approval of the SGA Executive Council.