Constitution of the Student Body of Wabash College

Preamble

We, the students of Wabash College, in order to provide an organization to regulate the matters delegated by the College to student control, do ordain and establish this, our Constitution.

Article I

Name

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Student Body of Wabash College.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Membership. Every man enrolled as a full-time student of Wabash College shall be ipso facto a member of the Student Body of Wabash College and subject to all fees, duties, responsibilities and rights that befall that honor and as set forth in this Constitution.

Article III

Executive Body

Section 1. Authority. The executive authority of this organization shall be vested in the President and the Vice-President of the Student Body of Wabash College.

Section 2. Eligibility. Every member of the Student Body seeking the Office of the President or the Vice-President must be a member for the entirety of the executive term to which he will serve and must qualify for his respective office as outlined by the Student Senate.

Section 3. Executive Term. An executive term shall be from one Convocation of the Student Senate until the next.

Section 4. Oaths of Office. The oaths of office shall be administered to the President and the Vice-President by a ranking official of the College at the Convocation of the Student Senate.

1. The oath of office of the President of the Student Body is as follows: “I, …, do solemnly promise to faithfully execute the duties of the Office of the President of the Student Body of Wabash College and will, to the best of my ability, serve the members of the Student Body and uphold the constitution of this organization.”
2. The oath of office of the Vice-President of the Student Body is as follows: “I, ..., do
solemly promise to faithfully execute the duties of the Office of the Vice-President of
the Student Body of Wabash College and will, to the best of my ability, serve the
members of the Student Body and uphold the constitution of this organization.”

Section 5. Duties and Powers of the President. The President of the Student Body shall

1. Preside over all meetings of the Student Body,
2. Act as the official representative of the Student Body to the College’s Board of Trustees,
3. Act as chairman of the Student Senate,  
4. Break all tie votes of the Student Senate, and
5. Serve in all other capacities as directed by the Student Senate.

Section 6. Duties and Powers of the Vice-President. The Vice-President of the Student Body shall

1. Act as vice-chairman of the Student Senate,
2. In the absence of the President, execute his duties, and
3. Serve in all other capacities as directed by the Student Senate.

Section 7. Removal from Office. The President and/or the Vice-President of the Student Body
may be removed from office by a three-quarters majority vote of no confidence of the Student
Senate or by a two-thirds majority vote of no confidence of the membership of the Student Body
by referendum. In votes of no confidence against the President and/or the Vice-President, the
vote shall be out of the total number of voting members of the respective body. Upon being
removed from office, an executive officer shall be expelled from the Student Senate.

Section 8. Vacancy in Office. Upon vacancy in the office of the President of the Student Body,
the Vice-President shall be required to assume the role of President by taking the presidential
oath of office. Upon vacancy in the office of the Vice-President of the Student Body, the
Secretary of the Student Senate shall be required to assume the role of the Vice-President by
taking the vice-presidential oath of office.

Article IV
Legislative Body

Section 1. Authority. The legislative authority of this organization shall be vested in the
Student Senate of Wabash College.

Section 2. Convocation. The Convocation of the Student Senate shall be the first meeting of
the Student Senate of each spring semester.

1 Article III, Section 5, clause 3 was repealed by the First Amendment and invested in the Vice-President of the
Student Body.
2 Article III, Section 5, clause 4 was repealed by the First Amendment.
3 Article III, Section 6, clause 1 was repealed by the First Amendment.
Section 3. Membership. The membership of the Student Senate shall consist of

1. The President of the Student Body,
2. The Vice-President of the Student Body,
3. One Senator elected to represent each living unit,
4. One additional Senator elected to represent each living unit exceeding eighty residents,
5. One Representative appointed from among the members living in off-campus housing by the President and approved by a simple majority vote of the Student Senate,
6. Four Representatives elected from each of the three under-classes at-Large, and
7. The Chairman of each Student Senate Standing Committee.

Section 4. Voting Members. The following members of the Student Senate and no others shall be afforded voting privileges:

1. The Vice-President of the Student Body,
2. Each Senator elected to represent a living unit,
3. The Representative appointed from among the members living in off-campus housing, if the total number of members living off-campus is at least twenty,
4. Each Representative elected from the three under-classes at-Large,
5. The Chairman of each Student Senate Standing Committee, and
6. The President of the Student Body in the case of a tie vote.

Section 5. Eligibility. Each member of the Student Senate must be a member of the Student Body and must qualify for his respective office as outlined by the Student Senate. No member of the Student Body may hold more than one vote on the Student Senate, nor may the President or Vice-President hold another seat on the Student Senate during their executive term of office.

Section 6. Oath of Office. The oath of office shall be administered to each member of the Student Senate by the President of the Student Body at the Convocation of the Student Senate or the first meeting of the Student Senate after the election or appointment of the member. The senatorial oath of office is as follows: “I, …, do solemnly promise to faithfully represent those to whom I speak for and execute the duties of a member of the Student Senate of Wabash College, and will to the best of my ability serve the members of the Student Body and uphold the constitution of this organization.”

Section 7. Expulsion. Any voting member of the Student Senate may call for the expulsion of any other member of the Student Senate. A three-fourths majority vote of no confidence of the Student Senate shall be sufficient to expel a member. The President and/or Vice-President may not be expelled from the Student Senate unless he is removed from office. A member holding the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall forfeit that office if he is expelled from the Student Senate. A member who is expelled from the Student Senate shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to the Student Senate until the next senatorial term of office.

Section 8. Vacancy in Seats. In the event that any seat of membership in the Student Senate becomes vacant, that seat shall lose its voting privileges if it is a voting seat. If the seat belongs

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4 Article IV, Section 4, clause 6 was repealed by the First Amendment.
to a living unit, that living unit may elect a new Senator. The living unit may request its voting
privileges be returned. A simple majority vote of the Student Senate is required to return voting
privileges. If the seat belongs to a class or off-campus housing, the President shall nominate a
qualifying member of the Student Body. That nominee must be approved by two-thirds of the
Student Senate. Upon approval of the nomination, the new member shall regain the voting
privileges of the seat.

Article V
Duties and Powers of the Student Senate

Section 1. Bylaws. The Student Senate shall ordain and establish a set of bylaws by which it
shall govern itself. The Bylaws of the Student Senate of Wabash College shall not contradict
this constitution.

Section 2. Intermediary and Cooperation. The Student Senate shall serve as the intermediary
body between the members of the Student Body and the faculty and administration of the
College, and shall cooperate with the faculty and administration in all matters of common
interest and mutual benefit.

Section 3. Proper Regard. The responsibilities for the maintenance of a proper regard for all
traditions, customs and rules of the College, or change thereof, shall rest within the Student
Senate.

Section 4. Student Organizations. The Student Senate shall have the sole authority to
recognize student organizations and activities; it shall have the further authority to revoke
recognition as it sees fit. The recognition of any student organization or activity which qualifies
as inactive by the policies of the Student Senate shall automatically be withdrawn.

Section 5. Student Activity Fees. The Student Senate shall by a two-thirds majority vote have
the authority to set the amount of the Student Activity Fees. The Student Senate shall have the
sole authority to set the amount of Student Activity Fees.

Section 6. Interpretation. The Student Senate shall have the final authority to interpret this
constitution.

Article VI
Assets and Apportionment

Section 1. Assets. The funds collected from the members of the Student Body in the form of
Student Activity Fees are the assets of this organization. All worldly goods and money which is
donated to the Student Body or the Student Senate shall become assets of this organization.

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5 Article V, Section 2 was repealed by the First Amendment and invested in the Senior Council.
6 Article V, Section 3 was repealed by the First Amendment and invested in the Senior Council.
Section 2. Apportionment. The Student Senate shall have the sole authority to apportion and regulate the disposal and use of the assets of this organization. All goods purchased with funds from the assets of this organization shall be the property of the Student Body and the use thereof shall be regulated by the Student Senate.

Section 3. Financial Policy. All financial policies of the Student Senate should be in the best interest of the security of the assets of this organization.

Section 4. Recognition. Only student organizations and activities which are recognized by the Student Senate are eligible to receive funds from the assets of this organization.

Article VII
Elections

Section 1. Elections Commission. An Elections Commission shall be established each fall semester by the Student Senate. As outlined by the Student Senate, the Elections Commission shall conduct and monitor the elections of the Student Body. No member of the Elections Commission may be a candidate for the office of President, Vice-President or Representative of a class at-Large.

Section 2. Time of Elections. The election of the President, Vice-President and Representatives of classes at-Large shall be held the week prior to final examinations each fall semester.

Section 3. The Winner. The winners of the Office of the President and of the Office of the Vice-President shall be the candidates who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices. The winners of the elections for Representatives of classes at-Large shall be the four candidates from each class who receive the highest number of votes cast for the respective offices.

Section 4. Election of Senators. Each living unit shall elect a Senator in a manner by which it sees fit to serve for the entire term of office.

Article VIII
Rights of the Student Body

Section 1. Guarantee of Rights. The Student Body of Wabash College and its members are guaranteed the rights listed in this article.

7 All sections of Article VIII apply equally to the Senior Council as they do to the Student Senate as per the First Amendment.
Section 2. Petition to Consider Legislation. A written petition, signed by at least twenty-five members of the Student Body, shall be sufficient to require the Student Senate to consider a piece of legislation.

Section 3. Petition of Discussion. A written petition, signed by at least fifty members of the Student Body, shall be sufficient to require the President of the Student Body to bring before a meeting of the Student Body any legislation passed by the Student Senate for general discussion amongst the members of the Student Body.

Section 4. Petition of Referendum. A written petition, signed by at least one hundred members of the Student Body, shall be sufficient to require the Student Senate to send a piece of legislation before the entire Student Body for ratification. Legislation shall be approved by a simple majority of the ballots cast. No legislation may be passed by the Student Body unless at least one-third of the members of the Student Body cast unsoiled ballots.

Section 5. Petition to Overturn Legislation. A written petition, signed by at least one-hundred and fifty members of the Student Body, shall be sufficient to require the Student Senate to organize a vote of the Student Body to veto the legislation. Student Senate legislations shall be vetoed by the Student Body by a two-thirds majority of the ballots cast in a valid vote.

Section 6. Guarantee of an Open Senate. Every non-executive session of the Student Senate shall be open to the members of the Student Body. The minutes of every executive session of the Student Senate shall be approved in a regular session and shall be made available to the members of the Student Body for review.

Section 7. Guarantee of Information. The proceedings of the Student Senate and its officers shall be open to the review of the members of the Student Body. Upon the request of a member of the Student Body, the Student Senate, or a member or an Officer of the Student Senate shall provide information including but not restricted to a copy of this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Student Senate, the policies of the Student Senate and its committees, the minutes of any meeting of the Student Senate, the operating budget of the Student Senate, and any information regarding the execution of the duties of the Student Senate, or a member or the Officers of the Student Senate.

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. Origin. All proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body of Wabash College shall originate in the Student Senate. An amendment may not be proposed by a Petition of Referendum.

Section 2. Adoption. A two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate shall be required to send an amendment before the Student Body.
**Section 3. Ratification.** Amendments to this constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Body. No amendment may be ratified by the Student Body unless at least one-third or more of the members of the Student Body cast unsoiled ballots.

On this day, the Twenty-sixth Day of April in the Year Two-Thousand and Five, we, students of Wabash College and Senior Representatives of the Student Body, affix our signatures upon this, the Constitution of the Student Body of Wabash College, in recognition of its ratification.

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College Hall  
Delta Tau Delta  
Kappa Sigma  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
Martindale Hall  
Morris Hall  
Phi Delta Theta  
Phi Gamma Delta  
Phi Kappa Psi  
Sigma Chi  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Theta Delta Chi  
Wolcott Hall  
Wabash Men Living Off Campus  
President of the Student Senate  
Chairman for the Constitution  
Vice-President of the Student Senate
Amendment the First

Section 1. Existence and Purpose of the Senior Council. A Senior Council shall exist with the purpose of addressing issues which pertain to student life at Wabash College, especially the promotion of campus unity.

Section 2. Membership of the Senior Council. The membership of the Senior Council shall consist of the President of the Student Body, the presidents of no less than six but no more than ten recognized student organizations to be determined by the Student Senate, and four councilmen at-Large elected by the Senior Council from among the members of the Student Body. The election of councilmen at-Large shall be held the week prior to final examinations each spring semester. The Vice-President of the Student Body shall be a non-voting member of the Senior Council. A Senior Council Activities Committee Chairman shall be selected by the Senior Council and serve as a non-voting member of the Senior Council.

Section 3. Expulsion from Membership. Where two-thirds of the Senior Council rules that an organizational president who is a member of the Senior Council has grossly violated the Gentleman’s Rule, his organization shall be removed from representation. Similarly, a councilman at-Large may be removed, and a replacement elected by the Senior Council.

Section 4. Chairmanships. The President of the Student Body shall serve as chairman of the Senior Council. The duty and power granted to the President of the Student Body in Article III, Section 5, clause 3 of the Constitution is repealed, and hereby invested in the Vice-President of the Student Body. Article III, Section 5, clause 4 and Section 6, clause 1 and Article IV, Section 4, clause 6 of the Constitution are repealed.

Section 5. Duties and Powers of the Senior Council. The duties and powers granted to the Student Senate in Article V, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Constitution are repealed, and hereby invested in the Senior Council.

Section 6. Independent Authority. The Senior Council shall act independently of the Student Senate. By two-thirds majority vote, the Student Senate shall have the ability to overrule decisions of the Senior Council.

Section 7. Rights of the Student Body. The Senior Council is bound by Article VIII of the Constitution in the same capacity as the Student Senate.

Section 8. Institution of the Amendment. This amendment shall be instituted immediately upon ratification.

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8 The First Amendment was ratified by the Student Body on Thursday, April 6, 2006.