

The student body shall consist of all students who have paid the established student activity fee for that semester.

The governing organization of the student body shall be called the Student Senate of Hudson Valley Community College and be referred to as the Student Senate.

The executive powers granted hereinafter are with the Student Senate. It shall be the responsibility of the Student Senate to implement the provisions of this Constitution and the Student Senate By-Laws.

The Student Senate shall be comprised of the four elected officers and senators who are representatives of each academic division, including non-matriculated students. They will be known as Senators, and each class will elect a Class President. The number of Senators for each academic division is set in the Election By-Law. Each class shall vote for a Class President.

The Student Senate shall make all standing rules necessary to its operation with the approval of the Faculty Student Association of Hudson Valley Community College, Inc., Board of Directors, (FSA Board of Directors),

Senators, and The Hudsonian staff. When included in the annual budget, Student Senate Executive Officers and The Hudsonian staff may receive compensation if approved by the Director of Student Life or designee. No student shall be compensated beyond the amount they were billed for tuition.

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The presence of one (1) more than half of the entire Student Senate shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of any business. If a quorum is not present, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting to a time fixed by him/her. Written notices of the rescheduled meetings shall be given to all Student Senate members by the Secretary of the Student Senate at least three (3) business days prior to the date of the rescheduled meeting. Each Student Senate member shall have one vote on all items of business. A majority vote of the entire Student Senate is required for the transaction of any business, unless otherwise prescribed in this Constitution or the By-Laws. The affirmative vote of the majority of the entire Student Senate shall decide any issue. The Student Senate shall have a meeting no later than ten (10) calendar days after the beginning of the academic school year. The Student Senate shall meet at least once a month during the academic school year at times and places to be determined by the Student Senate in cooperation with the College. Special sessions of the Student Senate may be called by the Student Senate President, or by a request signed by a quorum of the entire Student Senate, for purposes identified in the notice of meeting. Only such designated purposes shall be considered. All official meetings of the Student Senate shall be conducted during the fall and spring semesters. The official notice and calendar of meetings scheduled for the year shall be published and posted on the Student Senate web site by the first day of the fall semester. All meetings of the Student Senate shall be open to the College community and anyone present may be recognized at the discretion of the presiding officer. Every meeting of the Student Senate shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure as stated in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

The Student Senate shall create a budget every year based on the upcoming projections of enrollment provided by the College. The Student Senate shall have a budget approved by the last Student Senate meeting in February and presented to the FSA Board of Directors for final approval. The budget and financial processes are outlined in the by-laws.

The hierarchy of the Executive Officers is: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If there is ever a vacancy of the President, the Vice President automatically assumes the office of President with all of the rights and responsibilities of the position. If the vacancy is in any of the officer positions other than the President, the President shall nominate a member of the Student Senate who meets all of the requirements of an officer. The nomination shall be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire Student Senate. If a three-fourths (3/4) vote is not achieved, the President shall continue to nominate candidates until a three fourths (3/4) vote is achieved. The nomination process shall be the first order of business. However, the failure to fill the vacancy shall not prevent the Student Senate from conducting other business.

For a vacancy of the Student Trustee position, the presiding officer shall nominate candidates, and continue to nominate candidates, until a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire Student Senate is achieved. The nomination procedures shall be the first order of business after the approval of the minutes. However, the failure to fill the vacancy shall not prevent the Student Senate from conducting other business.

Senatorial vacancies shall be filled by nomination process as described in Article V Section One, which is approved by a vote of the majority of the entire Student Senate. A student seeking a senatorial position shall submit a letter to the Student Senate President stating name, academic division and a brief description of why he/she is interested in the Student Senate. The student shall also present valid student identification. Each person shall attend at least one Student Senate meeting and have an interview with at least three (3) officers prior to being recommended for a vote. Each student must meet the requirements of a Senator.

