

**Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
University of Connecticut, Hartford
Constitution**

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USG HARTFORD

1 **PREAMBLE:**

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3 We, the Undergraduate Students of the University of Connecticut, Hartford Campus, in affirmation of our
4 inherent rights and responsibilities as students who have selected, of our own accord, membership in this
5 Organization, do hereby affirm this Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government.
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7 Recognizing the need to balance enduring traditions with the dynamic academic and social environment,
8 we call upon our leaders to facilitate our active partnership with the University of Connecticut faculty,
9 staff, and Board of Trustees. It is the will of the students that complacency by any party in these matters
10 be neither respected nor tolerated, and that the collective voice of the student body be heard.
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12 **MISSION STATEMENT**

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14 *The mission of the Undergraduate Student Government is to enrich the lives of the undergraduate student*
15 *body through advocacy and programming. We will strive to help student organizations reach their fullest*
16 *potential. We will strive to enhance the educational, social, and cultural opportunities at the University of*
17 *Connecticut-Hartford. We will strive to foster a culture of engagement, collaboration, and inclusiveness.*
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19 **ARTICLE I. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**
20 **GOVERNMENT**

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22 **Section I.** The Powers and Functions of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) are as follows:
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- 24 A. Bring excitement to the campus community through diverse, inclusive, community-building
25 activities.
- 26 B. Support student-led initiatives to form clubs and organizations.
- 27 C. Responsibly manage the resources granted to it by the fee-paying students.
- 28 D. The name of the organization is the “Undergraduate Student Government of the University of
29 Connecticut Hartford Campus”. The organization shall be referred to in the Constitution, Bylaws,
30 and all governing documents, as the “USG” and its Senate as the “Student Senate” or the
31 “Senate.” The University of Connecticut Hartford Campus shall be abbreviated as the “Hartford
32 Campus” or “Campus”.
- 33 E. The USG reserves the right to amend its own Constitution and Bylaws
- 34 F. The USG shall remain accountable and accessible to fee-paying student.
- 35 G. The USG shall be the primary recognized voice of the Hartford Campus’s undergraduate student
36 body.
- 37 H. The USG shall remain accountable and accessible to individual students and the student body at
38 large.
- 39 I. The USG shall collaborate effectively and in good spirit with members of the student body as
40 well as with administration.
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44 **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

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46 **Section I.** The Requirements and Other Information Regarding Membership are as Follows:
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- 48 A. The USG is open only to registered, degree-seeking, fee-paying undergraduate students of UConn
49 Hartford in good academic standing. Failure to comply with this criteria or failure to maintain in
50 good academic standing (at least a 2.5 GPA) with the University shall lead to possible forfeiture
51 of membership rights.
- 52 B. The USG shall include: elected officers, appointed officers, and committee members.
- 53 C. Upon taking the Oath of Office, members shall serve their entire term, barring impeachment,
54 removal, or resignation.
- 55 D. Students elected to the USG directly influence decision-making processes and the campus
56 activities culture.
- 57 E. There shall be no more than nine (9) elected Senators who are the voting members of the USG
58 Senate.
- 59 F. There shall be one (1) elected, non-voting President to lead the USG.
- 60 G. There shall be one (1) elected, non-voting Vice President to lead the USG. (H)There shall be one
61 (1) appointed, non-voting Treasurer to manage the finances of the USG.
- 62 H. There shall be one (1) appointed, non-voting Chief of Communications Officer to lead the social
63 media and marketing goals of the USG.
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66 **ARTICLE III. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STUDENT SENATE**

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68 **Section I.** The Powers and Functions of the Student Senate are as Follows:
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- 70 A. All legislative action including being responsible for the funding of the RSOs funding request,
71 shall take place in the Student Senate.
- 72 B. Any person shall be permitted to attend sessions of the Senate regardless of USG membership.
- 73 C. The Student Senate shall have the power to issue statements and take action on behalf of the
74 Student Body as the representative voice of students as well as advocate on certain matters
75 pertaining to campus life and student experience.
- 76 D. The Student Senate shall approve all presidential appointments, including Committee
77 Chairpersons and external appointments, by majority vote of the body ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$).
- 78 E. The Student Senate shall exercise control over its student fee revenue and shall approve the
79 Undergraduate Student Government budget each semester.
- 80 F. The Student Senate shall have the power to remove any appointed member through a motion of
81 no confidence and a vote of majority in the full Senate.
- 82 G. The Senate shall serve as the hearing board for any impeachment proceedings.
- 83 H. The Senate shall vote “Yea,” “Nay” or “Abstain” on all voting items during meetings. (The
84 Senate shall allow for a recusal option among Senators, in the event of a financial conflict of
85 interest.)
- 86 I. The Senate may assist the President in the appointment of a Treasurer.

- 87 J. The Senate shall allow for a recusal option among Senators, in the event of a financial conflict of
88 interest.
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91 **ARTICLE IV. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**
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93 **Section I. Executive Board (E-Board) Membership:**
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- 95 A. The E-Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Communications, and
96 Committee Chairs.
97 B. The E-Board shall be responsible for carrying out the daily operations of the USG and
98 implementing the USG governing documents: Constitution, Bylaws, and funding policies.
99 C. The E-Board shall monitor compliance and implementation of the USG governing documents.
100 D. The E-Board shall discuss issues of primary significance to the student body and may delegate or
101 recommend a course of action to a standing or ad-hoc committee, or to the Student Senate.
102 E. The E-Board shall reserve the right to recommend additional advisors at the University of
103 Connecticut separate from the Student Activities Advisor.
104 F. The E-Board shall set the agenda for the General Senate Meeting.
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107 **ARTICLE V. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT**
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109 **Section I. The Powers and Functions of the President of the USG are as Follow:**
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- 111 A. The President, elected by the student body, shall be the official elected spokesperson of the
112 Student Body and of the Undergraduate Student Government.
113 B. The President shall deliver a State of the Campus Address in one of the first two Senate meetings
114 of each semester and at the final Senate session of each semester.
115 C. The President shall serve as the primary liaison with the Advisor and other University
116 administration.
117 D. The President shall preside over all sessions of the General Senate Meeting and vote only when
118 breaking ties and or to achieve quorum.
119 E. The President shall have the power to appoint new chairs when he or she sees fit with the
120 confirmation of each by a majority vote by the Senate.
121 F. The President shall have the power to appoint ad-hoc committees with a written charge and finite
122 timeline. Ad-hoc committees where the President does not give a date of dissolution shall
123 dissolve at the end of the establishing President's term. Any established ad-hoc committee may
124 be subject to re-approval by the new administration through a written charge. All work of
125 established ad-hoc committees must be reported to the Senate.
126 G. The President shall have the power to call an emergency meeting of the Senate. (H)The President
127 shall retain signature power over all student government accounts alongside the Treasurer and
128 may relinquish their power to the Vice President in the event that they are unavailable to sign.

- 129 H. The President shall assist the Treasurer in the development and presentation of the annual budget
130 to the Senate in the first General Senate Meeting of each semester.
- 131 I. The President shall have the power to monitor compliance and implementation of all USG
132 governing documents.
- 133 J. The President shall assign tasks to Senators to serve the interests and concerns of the student
134 body.
- 135 K. The President shall chair meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Procedures
136 (except where the state code of ethics – on issues of recusal – would contradict Robert’s Rules, in
137 which case the state code supersedes Robert’s Rules).
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140 **ARTICLE VI. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

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142 **Section I.** The Powers and functions of the Vice President are as follows:

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- 144 A. The Vice President, elected by the student body, shall assist the President in fulfilling all duties
145 and responsibilities of the Executive Board.
- 146 B. The Vice President shall oversee the daily operation of the USG and its office, including
147 establishing and maintaining office policy. Changes to office policy must be reported to the
148 Senate.
- 149 C. In the event of the President’s absence, the Vice President shall chair the General Senate
150 Meeting.
- 151 D. The Vice President shall attend all meetings of the Student Senate.
- 152 E. In the absence of the President, and if quorum is needed, the Vice President is permitted to vote.
- 153 F. The Vice President, along with the Student Activities Advisor, shall serve as the liaison to all
154 Hartford Campus Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and support RSO training
155 requirements by maintaining regular contact with RSO leaders.
- 156 G. The Vice President shall hold meetings with RSO leaders as deemed necessary.
- 157 H. The Vice President shall facilitate relationships between clubs on collaborative events.
- 158 I. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President will assume the President’s
159 powers and functions until the presidential term ends or a new election is held.
- 160 J. The Vice President may be assigned additional duties in service of the greater good of the USG
161 and the student body
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164 **ARTICLE VII. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TREASURER**

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166 **Section I.** The Powers and Functions of the Treasurer are as Follows:

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- 168 A. The Treasurer will be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.
- 169 B. The Treasurer shall oversee all financial matters of the organization and shall ensure that all
170 expenditures of the Undergraduate Student Government are in accordance with USG policies,
171 Tier II and III policies, University Policy and any applicable laws and regulations.

- 172 C. The Treasurer shall balance and supervise the USG financial records, review budget proposals,
173 make budget proposals, make recommendations to the Senate, and act as the official recorder of
174 all USG financial affairs.
- 175 D. The Treasurer shall review all bookkeeping systems to monitor accounting irregularities and must
176 report any irregularities to the E-Board and Senate.
- 177 E. The Treasurer shall be a non-voting member who can participate in discussion and suggest
178 motions.
- 179 F. The Treasurer shall present an updated budget report at each General Senate Meeting.
- 180 G. The Treasurer shall ensure fiscal responsibility over all USG accounts.
- 181 H. The Treasurer, in the event they are unavailable to sign, may relinquish their signature power in
182 the following order: President, Vice President, and the Chief of Communications.
- 183 I. The Treasurer shall be familiar with the bookkeeping system (QuickBooks) and comply with the
184 rules and procedures of Trustee Student Organization Support (TSOS).
- 185 J. The Treasurer, with the assistance of the President, shall develop and present the budget to the
186 Senate for approval each semester. The Treasurer also will present, alongside the president, the
187 budget to the TSOS committee.
- 188 K. The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Student Senate but shall not be permitted to vote
189 unless necessary to achieve quorum.
- 190 L. The Treasurer is responsible for chairing the Finance Committee.
- 191 M. The Treasurer shall retain the right to amend the USG Undergraduate Tier II Funding Policies at
192 their discretion and within fair and equitable intent, and with proper notification to the Senate.
193 Any changes must be passed by the Senate with a majority vote.
- 194 N. The Treasurer, with support from the E-Board and Senators, shall conduct inventory of USG
195 equipment and stock ahead of every semester.

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198 **ARTICLE VIII. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS**
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200 **Section I.** The Powers and Functions of the Chief of Communications are as Follows:
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- 202 A. The Chief of Communications, appointed by the President shall be responsible for the marketing
203 and recordkeeping goals of the USG.
- 204 B. The Chief of Communications shall be responsible for recording, posting, and maintaining
205 electronically official minutes.
- 206 C. The Chief of Communications shall oversee and manage all aspects of the USG social media and
207 website.
- 208 D. The Chief of Communications shall serve as a non-voting member who can participate in
209 discussion and suggest motions.
- 210 E. The Chief of Communications shall be available for one (1) weekly office hour.
- 211 F. The Chief of Communications shall chair the Communications Committee.
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215 **ARTICLE IX. THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES**

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217 **Section I.** The Powers and Functions of a Committee are as Follows:
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- 219 A. There are five standing committees: Finance, Communications, Programming, Student Affairs,
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- 221 a. The chair of each committee will be recommended by the President in consultation with
222 the Executive Board and will be appointed/confirmed by a majority vote by the Senate.
 - 223 b. The Committee Chairpersons shall serve as the presiding officers of their committee and
224 shall be responsible for overseeing the work of their respective committee’s activities and
225 projects.
 - 226 c. The Finance Committee will be chaired by the Treasurer and will serve the purpose of
227 supervising and developing USG financial records.
 - 228 d. The Communications Committee will be chaired by the Chief of Communications and
229 will serve the purpose of supervising and developing the USG social media activity and
230 website.
 - 231 e. The Programming Committee will be chaired by a Senator and will serve the purpose of
232 planning and executing events and activities of broad interest to the entire student body.
 - 233 f. The Student Affairs Committee will be chaired by a Senator and will serve the purpose of
234 planning and executing services and experiences that extend learning, support health and
235 wellness, and enhance personal development.
- 236 B. The standing committees and chairpersons shall operate under the purview of the Executive
237 Board.
- 238 C. Committee Chairpersons shall be responsible for reporting the status of their respective
239 committee at every General Senate Meeting. At the last Senate meeting of each semester,
240 Committee Chairpersons shall issue a semester-end report (written or PowerPoint) summarizing
241 the accomplishments, challenges, activities, and future goals of their respective committees.
- 242 D. Committee Chairpersons have the power to appoint a Vice Chairperson if they so choose to share
243 responsibilities. The appointed Vice Chairperson may chair committee meetings in the absence of
244 the Chairperson or if the Chairperson wishes to temporarily step down for part of or the entirety
245 of a meeting. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as a member of the Executive Board in the
246 Chairperson’s absence.
- 247 E. Standing committees shall establish a weekly committee meeting time prior to the start of the
248 semester.
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250 **Section II.** Committee Membership:
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- 252 A. Committee Chairpersons shall have the power to appoint and remove members from their
253 respective committees, with just cause and approval from the E-Board, confirmed in a written
254 letter.
- 255 B. Committee members shall be held to the same ethical and academic standards and expectations as
256 all USG members.
- 257 C. There are no membership limits for committees.
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259 **ARTICLE X. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE JUDICIARY**
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261 **Section I.** The Powers and functions of the Judiciary shall be as follows:
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- 263 A. The Judiciary shall serve to provide interpretation of the Undergraduate Student Government
264 Constitution, Bylaws, policies, and procedures and shall address and resolve ethical disputes and
265 alleged violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, policies, and procedures.
- 266 B. The Judiciary shall consist of a total of five Justices. The five Justices shall be nominated by the
267 President, and confirmed by a two-thirds vote in the Senate. If there are less than five Justices
268 occupying the Judiciary, the President and Senate shall make reasonable effort to fill the empty
269 seat(s) with the nominee(s).
- 270 C. From amongst themselves, the Justices shall unanimously elect a Chief Justice and report the
271 results to the Executive Board and Senate. The Chief Justice shall coordinate the actions of the
272 court.
- 273 D. Justices shall be aware of the Student Government Constitution, Bylaws, policies, and Robert’s
274 Rules of Order.
- 275 E. The Judiciary is responsible for educating new members on the various roles and responsibilities
276 that exist within the Government.
- 277 F. The Chief Justice, along with at least one other Justice shall be expected to attend each Student
278 Senate meeting.
- 279 G. At least one Justice shall be present at every committee meeting, in a non-voting capacity, to
280 provide Constitutional and procedural interpretation if called upon.
- 281 a. Should there be a perceived violation of any governing document, the Justice at the
282 committee meeting will inform the Committee Chair and Judiciary. Should the case
283 require further action, the informing Justice would recuse themselves from future
284 proceedings.
- 285 b. Should there be fewer Justices than the number of Committees, the Judiciary shall make
286 reasonable effort to ensure that all Committees have some form of Judicial reference or
287 contact.
- 288 H. Justices shall provide due process under the following processes:
- 289 a. The Judiciary will serve to act as a resource for any member of the USG coming forward
290 with concerns regarding the Constitutionality of a proposed piece of legislation or action
291 by any member of the government.
- 292 i. Upon receiving a concern, the Judiciary will call to question the concern and rule
293 on its Constitutionality.
- 294 b. Any Student may request a decision from the Judiciary at any time regarding a topic
295 which is reasonable for the Judiciary to issue an opinion or decision on.
- 296 c. All decisions of the court, including its rules of procedure, shall be made public, in
297 writing, and recorded for future guidance except in cases where confidentiality applies.
- 298 I. Justices shall be expected to always maintain impartiality and fairness, holding themselves to the
299 highest standards of accountability. Justices shall recuse themselves in cases where a conflict of
300 interest is present. Should the court need to replace a justice for the purpose of quorum, a
301 temporary replacement may be selected by the Judiciary.

302 a. The replacement Justice must be approved by all remaining justices and their service
303 shall expire at the completion of the hearing.
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306 **ARTICLE XI. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**
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308 **Section I.** The powers and functions of the Chief Justice shall be as follows:
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- 310 A. The Chief Justice shall serve as the spokesperson of the Judiciary to all audiences.
- 311 B. The Chief Justice may select a Deputy Chief Justice from the Judiciary to aid the Chief Justice in
312 coordinating the actions of the court.
- 313 C. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for orienting and training all Justices.
- 314 D. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for coordinating the Judiciary with the President regarding
315 topics to aid in orienting new members.
- 316 E. The Judiciary, by majority vote, shall have an absolute and final say in any disagreements that
317 may arise in the teaching of new members.
- 318 F. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for ensuring that all legislation that affects the Constitution
319 or Bylaws is included into each respective document correctly and is responsible for issuing an
320 updated version of each document within five business days of any such change to the President.
- 321 G. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for compiling a set of guidelines that will be presented to
322 the Student Senate for confirmation regarding any duties related to the functioning of the
323 Judiciary which is not laid out in the Constitution and Bylaws.
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326 **ARTICLE XII. SENATE MEETINGS**
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328 **Section I.** Senate meetings shall be conducted as follows:
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- 330 A. The Student Senate shall meet at least once per week while classes are in regular session. The
331 date and time of meetings will be determined at the start of each semester by the sitting President
332 in consultations with the Senate and Student Activities Advisor.
- 333 B. The President has the power to call a special (emergency) meeting of the Senate and shall be
334 required to do so whenever requested by at least 50 percent (%) of the full Senate.
 - 335 a. All special meetings of the Senate shall be called for a specific purpose/agenda point.
 - 336 b. No business other than which the meeting was called for shall be discussed.
- 337 C. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Communications, Senators, and Committee
338 Chairs are expected to attend all regular and special meetings.
- 339 D. Two (2) unexcused absences among elected members will be subject to mandatory impeachment
340 proceedings. Unexcused absences are anything the President and Vice President deem
341 unreasonable. For example, failure to inform the President and Vice President of absence prior to
342 the Senate meeting. The number of excused absences to members will be determined by the
343 President and Vice President.

- 344 E. The Senate reserves the right to suspend any Senator in anticipation of extended absences. Doing
345 so will allow the Senate to conduct business without those absences affecting the quorum and
346 allow Senators to resume duties after suspension.
- 347 F. Approval of prior meeting General Senate Meeting minutes shall be conducted at each General
348 Senate Meeting.
- 349 G. Meetings shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

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352 **ARTICLE XIII. ELECTIONS**

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354 **Section I.** Elections shall be conducted as follows:

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356 A. There shall be two elections conducted each year:
- 357 B. There are a total of nine (9) Senate seats and the number of seats up for election will be based on
358 need.
- 359 C. The President shall appoint an Elections Committee Chair who shall be supported by the Student
360 Activities Advisor. The Elections Committee Chair shall not be a candidate for election.
- 361 D. If the Elections Committee is unable to fulfill their duties, the Student Activities Advisor may
362 bear election responsibilities.
- 363 E. All registered and fee-paying undergraduate students at Hartford are eligible to run for any vacant
364 seat(s) granted they are in good academic standing.
- 365 F. Official elections shall be conducted via vote.uconn.edu.
- 366 G. Each registered and fee-paying undergraduate student at Hartford will be able to cast one vote for
367 each open seat.

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370 **ARTICLE XIV. IMPEACHMENT**

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372 **Section I.** Impeachment Hearings shall be conducted as follows:

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374 A. The Senate shall be the hearing board with the President chairing the hearing.
- 375 B. In the event the President is subject to impeachment, the Vice President shall chair the hearing.
- 376 C. A simple majority vote by the Senate ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$) is needed to impeach and officially remove the
377 member subject to the impeachment inquiry.

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379 **Section II.** Process and Reasons for Impeachment:

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381 A. Elected members of the USG shall be subject to impeachment if they fail to perform the duties of
382 their office, do not maintain good academic standing, harm the USG reputation, or cause
383 unwelcoming and unsafe working conditions for others.
 - 384 B. Appointed members of the USG will not be subject to official Impeachment Hearing, but instead
385 to an E-Board decision and motion of no-confidence.
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387 **ARTICLE XV. SUCCESSION**

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389 **Section I.** The line of succession is as follows:

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391 A. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief of Communications
392 B. Under exceptional or unmitigable circumstances, if the line of succession is entirely vacant, the
393 Student Activities Advisor can appoint an interim President until elections can be held.
394 C. In the case of vacancy in the Treasurer position, an interim Treasurer may be appointed from the
395 Senate by the E-Board in consultation with the Student Activities Advisor, and if appointed, they
396 must relinquish their Senate seat.
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398 **ARTICLE XVI. OFFICER COMPENSATION**

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401 **Section I.** The USG reserves the right to advocate for compensation (monetary and/or academic credit)
402 for its contributions to student activities and campus culture. If students successfully advocate to be
403 compensated, the compensation structure will be effective when approved by higher administrative
404 officials, such as the Trustee Student Organization Support, and higher. The compensation cannot be
405 applied retroactively. The compensation structure shall be as Follows:
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- 407 A. The following USG members (officers) shall be eligible to receive monetary compensation.
408 a. (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Treasurer, (4) Chief of Communications
409 B. Officer-elects must officially transition into their roles (complete the Oath of Office) to be
410 eligible for compensation.
411 C. Officers must maintain good academic standing (Article II, Membership) to be eligible for
412 compensation.
413 D. Officers shall work no less than three (3) or more than ten (10) hours per week to be eligible for
414 compensation.
415 E. The rate of pay for these positions is determined by the level of the job at the student employment
416 level, regardless of whether earnings are paid through the work-study or student labor payrolls.
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418 **Section II.** Wages/Pay Scale for Monetary Compensation

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420 A. Each officer shall be compensated at the following rate classes as defined by the University of
421 Connecticut:
422 a. The Wage Classes/Levels to be adhered to are defined by the University of Connecticut.
423 b. The President and Treasurer shall be compensated at one dollar (\$1) above the lower
424 bound of Class IV pay scale.
425 c. The Vice President, Chief of Communications, shall be compensated at fifty (50) cents
426 above the lower bound of Class IV rate.
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428 **Section III.** Academic Credit

- 430 A. The following USG members shall be eligible to receive only academic credit for their service:
431 a. Senators, Student Affairs Committee Chair, Programming Committee Chair. (Any
432 vice/co-chair who assumes the role of their chair in case of the chair’s absence shall be
433 compensated for their work.)
434 B. Senator-elects must officially transition into their roles (complete the Oath of Office) to be
435 eligible for academic credit.
436 C. Senators shall work no more than ten (10) hours per week to be eligible for academic credit.
437 D. Senators, as all officers and USG members, shall maintain good academic standing (Article II,
438 Membership) to be eligible for academic credit.
439 E. Students with an undocumented state or of a certain visa type.
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442 **ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS, ENABLING CLAUSE**
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444 **Section I. Amendments:**
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- 446 A. This Constitution may be amended as deemed necessary by the Senate. Amendments should be
447 proposed in writing at a regularly scheduled General Senate Meeting and become effective if
448 passed by a majority vote of the full Senate.
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450 **Section II. Bylaws:**
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- 452 A. The Bylaws shall be established and may be amended as deemed necessary by the Senate. The
453 By-Laws shall be proposed in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting and become effective
454 upon passage by a majority Senate vote.
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456 **Section III. The Enabling Clause:**
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- 458 A. This Constitution shall become binding upon majority vote of the full Senate, a favorable vote of
459 a plurality of students of the Hartford Campus voting in referendum, and upon notice to the Board
460 of Trustees (or designee).
461 B. Once officially passed, the previous Constitutions, Bylaws, and rules and procedures of the USG
462 shall be void.
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465 **ARTICLE XVIII. OATH OF OFFICE**
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467 **Section I. The Process of Inauguration is as follows:**
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- 469 A. For the Senators, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Chief Communication Officer to
470 become official officers, they must take an oath of office to affirm the duties they will pursue to
471 fulfill to the best of their ability and spirit.

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Section II. The Official Oath of Office:

- A. “I <state your name> / of the Undergraduate Student Government / of the University of Connecticut Hartford Campus, / do solemnly swear, / that I will faithfully execute / the duties of the office / of <insert title here> / as described in this Constitution. / That I promise to represent my fellow students, / maintain representative government, / and defend all the rights of the student body / to the best of my ability and spirit. / I promise to collaborate with administration, / faculty, and students / and to become a better leader and scholar.”

Section III. Oath Administrator:

- A. The President will serve as the primary oath of office administrator; in the absence of a President, The Vice President or the Student Activities Advisor(s) may give the official oath of office. If the President is the one being sworn in, the highest-ranking E-Board member shall give the oath.

Section IV. Terms of Office:

- A. President: One (1) year, reaffirmed by majority Senate vote halfway through the term, can be reelected, no term limits.
- B. Vice President: One (1) year, reaffirmed majority Senate vote halfway through the term, can be reelected, no term limits.
- C. Chief of Communications: One (1) year, can be reappointed at the President’s discretion with majority Senate confirmation, no term limits.
- D. Treasurer: One (1) year, can be reappointed at the President’s discretion with majority Senate confirmation, no term limits.
- E. Senator(s): One (1) year, can be reelected, no term limits.

Section V. Non-Hazing/Non-Harassment Policy:





- A. The Undergraduate Student Government maintains a strong commitment to not engaging in any activities that could be considered as hazing by any legal party at the University of Connecticut Office of Community Standards.
- B. Hazing is defined as any activity without reasonable or legitimate educational value expected of someone for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional, psychological, and/or physical harm, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate.
- C. In cases of individual violators, appropriate disciplinary action may be imposed as outlined in The Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code. In cases where the entire organization has authorized such conduct; loss of privileges, temporary suspension of registration, or rescission or termination of registration may be imposed.

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D. Such penalties shall be in addition to any penalties pursuant to penal law (Public Act No. 88-328) to which violators may be subject.

ARTICLE XVII. SIGNATURES

Section I. This Constitution shall be signed, under the supervision of the Student Activities Staff, by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief of Communications. (If positions are vacant, a signature is not required.) This document must be signed before it and the remaining governing documents are sent to the Trustee Student Organization Support for official confirmation of its record.

| TITLE | NAME (print) | SIGNATURE | DATE |
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| PRESIDENT | <u>Nicholas Lanza</u> |  | <u>9/21/2023</u> |
| VICE PRESIDENT | <u>Romona Flores Draz</u> |  | <u>9/21/2023</u> |
| TREASURER | <u>Shirali Padaliya</u> |  | <u>9/21/2023</u> |
| CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS | <u>Bhavindra Persaud</u> |  | <u>9/21/2023</u> |