

This document covers the changes addressed in this constitutional amendment. The changes cover four main sections: language changes, codification of existing procedures, substantive changes, and membership composition changes. Language changes cover small changes to clarify positions and update the document to the current year. Codification of existing processes adds practices the SUA already does to the document. Substantive changes are larger changes to the document, including changing all references to the President or Vice Presidents back to Chair and Vice Chair, adding duties to the vice chairs of the assembly, creates rules in the case of vacancies for non voting positions, and updates emergency meeting rules among other things. Membership composition changes are the largest changes to this document, and cover specifically the definition of the Big 5, how membership composition will change with an increase in undergraduate students, creates an International Student representative, and creates a Student Parent representative.

A vote YES is a vote in favor of adopting this constitutional amendment into the SUA Constitution effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year. A vote NO is a vote against adopting this amendment.

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Language Changes

- Adds mention of “student groups” along with “student organizations” to make it clear that SUA will collaborate with groups of students who are not registered organizations to all areas that mention “student organizations.”
 - ADDED ([Article I, section F, 3c](#), [footnote at the bottom of page 2](#),)
- Changes “diversity” to “diversity and inclusion” to two duties of the VPDI.
 - This language should be more broad and encompass the full duties and goals of the position.
 - ADDED ([Article II, section B, 7c-d](#))
- Changes language for approval documentation for appointed members to not reference a specific leader of a college government or student organization to account for situations like JRL who use a collective model and therefore do not have any actual “head.”
 - ADDED ([Article III, section D, 11](#))
- Removes footer of Constitution that says “Proposed Amendment 2021 and replace with “As amended in 2025”

- ADDED (bottom of pages 1-30)
- Removes references to 3 business days to be consistent throughout the document
 - ADDED ([Article III, section D, 5-6](#))
- States that Representatives have privileges along with their duties to specify their ability to meet with college administrators with the officers.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 1 & 1f](#))
- Changes leader to lead representative for the SUA chair
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 4a](#))
- Adds a new article of the current amendment changes
 - ADDED ([Article XXII](#))
- Makes it specific that the Chair's financial responsibility is to stay in accordance with the approved budget
 - ADDED ([Article VII, Section A, 1b](#))
- Changes "Student Alliance of North American Indians" to "Student Alliance of Native American Indians" to reflect SANAI's current name
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 6a.](#))
- Specifies that only registered undergraduate students can run or hold office
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section A, 1](#))
- Removes the term voting in relation to vacancies, as this section covers non voting members as well.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section G, 1](#))
- Updates election language surrounding at-large representatives to better fit with the language of other elected positions.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section F, 6](#), [Article II, Section F, 7](#))
- Adds mention of ad hoc committees to other references of committees to cement that the SUA is able to make ad hoc committees.
 - ADDED ([Article I, Section G, 3g](#), [Article I, Section G, 3h](#))
- Adds mention that all standing committees will have their constitution in the bylaws.
 - ADDED ([Article V, Section B, 2b](#), [Article V, Section B, 3c](#), [Article V, Section B, 4a](#), [Article V, Section B, 5b](#))

Codification of Existing Procedures

- Adds references to SUA voting members in some places where it referenced working with officers that made sense (ie in SUA President, Treasurer, reports from staff, etc)
 - This change makes it clear that the staff members of SUA should collaborate with SUA voting members along with the officers, making sure

that all the processes of the SUA are a collaborative process with all representatives

- ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 4f](#), [Article II, Section C, 1d](#), [Article II, Section C, 6a](#))
- Deletes reference to “Board of Directors”, as that is not what the assembly is called
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section C 6e & h](#))
- All requirements for “in-person” meetings or presentations had “or virtual” added.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 4d & m](#), [Article II, Section B, 5h & l](#), [Article II, Section B, 6g & i](#), [Article II, Section B, 7g & k](#), [Article II, Section B, 8e & k](#), [Article II, Section B, 9j & o](#))
- Removes certain references to the United States Student Association (USSA) and provides footnote clarification on what USSA is in case another association fills this same place.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 6c-d](#), [footnote at the bottom of page 5](#), [Article II, Section C, 6h-i](#))
- Adds Vice President of Student Life responsibility to administer the Emergency Student Housing Fund (as they currently do).
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 9m](#))
- Removes reference to UCSA membership cost as they moved to a student fee model.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section C, 6h-i](#))
- Makes it clear that mandated staff can receive monetary compensation.
 - Mandated staff are already paid, this just seems like an oversight in the current language.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section E, 3](#))
- Codifies the full elections commission process, that while it has been used for many years did not seem to be an actual part of our constitution or bylaws.
 - The current constitutional language just says there is an elections commission, but nothing about it or its role. This adds language that defines it basically and delegates most of the specifics to the bylaws.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section F, 2a & 3](#))
- Clarifies that meeting agenda is posted 48 hours in advance of meeting (rather than 3 business days), minutes are to be posted within 72 hours, and when agenda items are required to be added to the agenda
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section C, 4d](#), [Article III, Section D, 5-6](#))
- Adds resource centers as a group that has representatives (As DRC and STARS both have representative spots)

- ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 1a & 1d](#))
- Updates the Finance board to budget committee and changes the type of membership to an in-house SUA committee to match what is currently being done
 - ADDED ([Article V, Section B, 6](#))

Substantive Changes

- Adds that the Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion should specifically work with residents of Family Student Housing due to its unique equity needs.
 - Last year there were lots of issues experienced by the students in Family Student Housing, and residents here often have unique needs. This makes it clear that the SUA and the VPDI specifically should help work with these students and their needs.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 7a](#))
- Changes it so VPAA attends every meeting of, and helps organize Student Academic Senate rather than just occasionally consulting to align with the current actual practice.
 - In practice for many years the VPAA is the main organizer of the Student Academic Senate, even though on paper they just have to consult with them occasionally, this aligns the verbiage with practice.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section B, 8i](#))
- Says that representatives must be available for office hours by appointment rather than hold weekly office hours (meaning they have to allow someone to schedule but don't need to hold any if nobody wants to meet).
 - This is already what many representatives do and even some past officers have done and is an adjustment made as a result of Covid response and has not returned to the pre-Covid structure. These positions are unpaid and we are all students. It is more efficient with all of our time to allow scheduling rather than setting aside big chunks of time each week.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 1b](#))
- Reduces frequency of required representative reports from monthly to quarterly.
 - Many representatives do not even complete their reports, with this lesser load it is more likely for more representatives to complete them. Additionally unlike officers, representatives are not currently paid and a monthly report seems like a high workload.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 1d-e](#))
- Provides clarity on E² and CSC autonomy:

- Specify that E² and CSC are task forces created under the language of their own fee measure, but hold their own autonomy separate from the SUA
- **ADDED** ([Article II, Section C, 6j](#), [Article V, Section B, 7](#), [Article V, Section B, 9a](#), [footnote at the bottom of page 31](#))
- Changes all references of president to chair:
 - Stays consistent with the other college governments
 - President changed to Chair of the SUA/SUA chair, Vice President changed to Vice Chair
 - Due to several uses of chair in this document, certain other language changes were made for clarity
 - **ADDED** ([Article II, Section B, 1](#), [Article II, Section B, 2b](#), [Article II, Section B, 4 & 4l & 4n](#), [Article II, Section B, 5 & 5c & 5e & 5k & 5m-n](#), [Article II, Section B, 6 & 6e & 6f & 6j & 6m](#), [Article II, Section B, 7 & 7i & 7l](#), [Article II, Section B, 8 & 8h & 8l](#), [Article II, Section B, 9 & 9n & 9p](#), [Article II, Section C, 2a & 2e](#), clarity: [Article II, Section C, 4e](#), [Article II, Section C, 6f](#), [Article II, Section D, 5d, 5di](#), [Article II, Section D, 6cii](#), [Article II, Section G, 2](#), [Article II, Section G, 7-10bii](#), [Article III, Section D, 8c](#), [Article IV, Section C, 2 & 2c](#), [Article V, Section B, 3a](#), [Article V, Section B, 6a](#), clarity: [Article VI, Section F, 1](#), [Article VII, Section A, 1b-c](#),
- Changes it so that any executive officer can call an emergency meeting and create the agenda for that meeting:
 - Also deletes a specific mention under the president's roles as it is already mentioned later in the document under emergency meetings. (this line gave the power for the President only to create the agenda for emergency meetings)
 - **ADDED** ([Article II, Section B, 4k](#), [Article III, Section D, 10](#))
- Adds a deadline of 30 days of instruction for the SUA to fill a vacant officer position:
 - **ADDED** ([Article II, Section G, 2a](#))
- Changes necessity to abide by the Brown Act, and ties transparency to the bylaws to be easier updated in the future:
 - **ADDED** ([Article III, Section D, 8](#))
- Adds what to do in the case of a Recording Clerk vacancy:
 - **ADDED** ([Article II, Section G, 8](#))
- Adds what to do in the case of a Treasurer vacancy:
 - **ADDED** ([Article II, Section G, 9](#))

- Creates a section for the SUA logo, including who can use it and how it can be updated:
 - ADDED ([Article I, Section D](#))
- Adds a distinction between standing and ad hoc committees, and the references they hold in the documents
 - ADDED ([Article V, Section B, 7](#))
- Deletes the Student Outreach Committee
 - ADDED ([Article V, Section B, 1](#))

Membership Composition Changes

- Replacing PRISM with Bayanihan was not done according to process of 2022 amendment:
 - Rather than replace PRISM with Bayanihan, we have added a sixth seat of permanent student orgs
 - Rename this group to limit confusion with the Big Five (which will now only refer to the Big Five ethnic organizations rather than what the previous constitution called the Big Five), they will officially be referred to as the Permanent Student Organizations
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 6](#))
- STARRS/DRC Representative:
 - Current way these positions are filled does not work for these organizations, the election process will therefore be outlined in the bylaws to match the changing nature of how these organizations function.
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 7](#), [Article II, Section D, 8](#))
- Adds a new International Student Representative:
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 9](#))
- Adds a new Student Parent Representative:
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 10](#))
- College Governments (Currently 1 rep/college)
 - College, organization, and at large representatives will scale together at a ratio of 1:1:1
 - If a new college is created, a new representative for that college will be appointed and an organization and at large seat will be created
 - This does not include:
 - Six permanent organization seats
 - Transfer Student Representative
 - Disabled Student Representative
 - International Student Representative

- Student Parent Representative
 - Deleted mentions of there needing to be 10 at large reps and 10 org reps
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section D, 2](#), [Article II, Section D, 4a](#), [Article II, Section D, 5a](#))
- Parliamentary clarity:
 - Specifies the length and year of the position
 - Who the parliamentary serves
 - Adds that transparency surrounding the official roster of the SUA shall be specified in the bylaws
 - ADDED ([Article II, Section C, 4m, 4mi](#), [Article II, Section C, 4f](#))