An Amendment Regarding the Presiding Officer of the Senate

Article V. Legislative Branch
Section 1. Officers
Paragraph A. President Pro Tempore President of the Senate
i. The President Pro Tempore President of the Senate must have been elected and served a full term as a senator or served a full term as a First-Year Senator in order to qualify to run as a candidate for President Pro Tempore President of the Senate. If fewer than two senators fulfill this requirement, then any regularly elected senator may run for President Pro Tempore President of the Senate.
ii. Shall be elected by a majority vote (50% +1 vote), hereafter referred to as absolute majority of the Senate, at the first meeting of the new Senate.
iii. Shall act in full capacity of the Vice President when the Vice President is unable to fulfill the duties of the office. Shall be the presiding officer of the Senate.
iv. Shall communicate any veto delivered by the President. Shall have the power to call meetings of the Senate.
v. Shall serve as the primary liaison between the Rules Committee and the Senate and act as chair of the senate committee meetings. Shall communicate any veto delivered by the President of the Student Government Association to the Senate and the student body.
vi. Shall serve as the Chair of the Legislative Cabinet.
vii. Shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Rules Committee.
viii. Shall serve as the chair of the First-Year Senator Selection Committee.
ix. Shall serve on the Elections Committee.

Paragraph B. Additional Officers President Pro-Tempore
i. Additional officers may be defined in the statutes. The President Pro-Tempore shall be elected by a majority vote (50% +1 vote). To be elected President Pro-Tempore requires no prerequisite.
ii. Shall be the presiding officer of the Senate in the absence of the President of the Senate.
iii. Shall serve as Vice-Chair of Legislative Cabinet.
iv. Shall serve as Chair of the Rules Committee.

Paragraph C. Additional Officers
i. Additional officers may be defined in the statutes.
Section 2. The Senate

Paragraph A. Purpose
All legislative powers of the University of Georgia student body shall be vested in the Senate.

Paragraph C. Duties
i. Senators shall attend Senate meetings are schedule by the presiding officer.
ii. Senators shall not be required to attend Senate meetings between the Spring and Fall terms.
iii. Senators with voting rights must be present in order to vote on any item or issue; there shall be no voting by proxy.
iv. A quorum of the Senate—considered to be two-thirds of all members of Senate on the roll, including Senators and the proportional numbers of voting First-Year Senators, following their appointment and subsequent confirmation—must be present in order to conduct official business.
v. A two-thirds vote of the Senate overrides a presidential veto.

Section 5. Legislative Cabinet

Paragraph B. Composition of Legislative Committees
i. The Vice President President of the Senate shall establish the number, subjects, and all further details of the legislative committees as the Vice President President of the Senate thinks proper and defined in the statutes.
ii. All Senators shall serve on one of a number of legislative committees.
iii. First-Year Senators are a standing Legislative Committee.

Paragraph C. Chairs of Legislative Committees
i. Shall be appointed by the Vice President and President Pro Tempore President of the Senate before the second meeting of the Senate.
ii. Shall be confirmed with an absolute majority approval of the Senate.

Paragraph D. Legislative Cabinet Membership
i. The Chairs of Legislative Committees shall serve on the Legislative Cabinet, chaired by the President Pro Tempore President of the Senate, which shall meet regularly as determined by the statutes. The Vice President and the Chair(s) of the First-Year Senators shall also serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.
ii. The Chair(s) of the First-Year Senators shall also serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Section 6. Rules Committee

Paragraph B. Composition
i. Shall be chaired by the President Pro-Tempore and consist of the Vice President of the Senate, who is an ex-officio, non-voting member, and the proportional number of Senators who shall be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore and approved by an absolute majority vote of the Senate.

ii. In the case of an absence of one member of the Rules Committee, the President Pro-Tempore will cast any necessary tie-breaking votes. Votes require a majority of the committee members present to adopt the motion; motions failing to secure a majority are not to advance beyond the committee.

iii. Quorum shall consist of four of the five Senators and the President Pro-Tempore.

**Article VI. Executive Branch**

**Section 2. Officers**

**Paragraph A. President**

i. Must be registered as a full time student as defined by the President’s degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale throughout the term.

ii. Shall speak on behalf of SGA.

iii. Shall maintain a working relationship with the President of the Graduate-Professional Student Association to inform and collaborate on initiatives affecting all students.

iv. Shall make appointments to University-wide committees and governing bodies that have student representation and shall select students to represent the student body outside the University.

v. Shall serve as the University delegate to the Student Advisory Council of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and shall have the authority to appoint Student Advisory Council delegates.

vi. Shall have the ability to create committees that expire at the end of each term.

vii. May veto legislation passed by the Senate within a week of passage. Such a veto must be in writing and delivered to the President Pro-Tempore.

viii. Shall present to the student body a report on SGA activities at the end of each academic term.

ix. Shall establish rules and procedures in accordance with the Constitution of SGA.

x. Shall run as a ticket with the Vice President and Treasurer.

xi. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot and inaugurated no later than three weeks before the end of the Spring term as defined by the academic calendar.

xii. Must attend all senate meetings

xiii. Must give an officer report at every official SGA meeting

**Paragraph B. Vice President**

i. Must be registered as a full-time student as defined by the Vice President’s degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale throughout the term.

ii. Shall assist the President in the fulfillment of presidential duties and oversight of special projects.

iii. Shall have the power to call meetings of the Senate.
iv. Shall be the presiding officer of the Senate.
v. Shall vote in the case of a tie in the Senate.
vi. Shall serve as a non-voting member of the Rules Committee.
vii. Shall serve as a non-voting member of the Legislative Cabinet.
viii. Shall act in full capacity of the President should the President be unable to fulfill the duties of office.
ix. Shall establish rules and procedures in accordance with the Constitution of SGA.
x. Shall run as a ticket with the President and Treasurer.
xi. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot and inaugurated no later than three weeks before the end of the Spring term as defined by the academic calendar.
xii. Shall make appointments to University Council committees that require undergraduate representatives.
xiii. Shall ensure all undergraduate seats on University Council are filled with an appropriate undergraduate representative in accordance with bylaws and statutes of University Council.
xiv. Must attend all senate meetings
xv. Must give an officer report at every official SGA meeting

Paragraph C. Treasurer
i. Must be registered as a full time student as defined by the Treasurer’s degree or program of study, and must maintain an institutional G.P.A. of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale throughout the term.
ii. Shall be responsible for the finances, financial records, and financial transactions of SGA.
iii. Shall give a report on the current state of the budget at each Senate meeting.
iv. Shall establish rules and procedures in accordance with the Constitution of SGA.
v. Shall run as a ticket with the President and Vice President.
vi. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot and inaugurated no later than three weeks before the end of the Spring term as defined by the academic calendar.
vii. Must attend all senate meetings
viii. Must give an officer report at every official SGA meeting

Article IX. Vacancies
Section 2. Vacancy in the Office of the Vice President
The President Pro Tempore shall assume said office for the remainder of the term. The current President Pro-Tempore will be sworn in as Vice President at the next immediate Senate by President. The President Pro-Tempore senate seat shall be considered vacant. The President of the Student Government Association shall have the power to make an appointment to the position of Vice President of the Student Government Association. The appointment must be confirmed by an absolute majority of the senate (50% + 1 vote) before role can be assumed by appointee.