

### **ARTICLE I — NAME AND LOGO**

The name of this organization shall be the University of Louisville School of Music Student Council (hereinafter referred to as School of Music Council or SMSC). The official logo of the SMSC is shown at the above right.

### **ARTICLE II — OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

1. To provide an effective organization for the administration of School of Music affairs;
2. To provide full cooperation among students, administration, faculty, and staff of the School of Music;
3. To accurately and ethically represent the voices of the students of the School of Music;
4. To communicate to the larger Student Government Association about the needs and desires of the School of Music; and
5. To improve student physical, social, and cultural welfare in the School of Music.

### **ARTICLE III — POWERS**

The School of Music Student Council shall have governing powers in matters of the University except those otherwise reserved by the University Administration.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL**

i) Membership

- (a) All full-time students of the School of Music, in Good Academic Standing, are eligible to apply for Council Membership.

- (b) The current President shall distribute applications at the beginning of the Fall semester, at least one week before due, and hold an interest meeting before selection. Primary Officers will review applications and make selections, by unanimous consent, and based on merit of the applicants.

ii) Officer Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible for any office or committee Chair on the Council, a student must be enrolled full-time in the School of Music, and have a cumulative grade-point-average of at least a 2.8, unless enrolled for their first semester.
- (b) To be eligible for Primary Officer positions, a student must have completed thirty credit hours, with a GPA  $\geq 3.0$ .
- (c) If no student stands for election with the required eligibility requirements, then all eligibility requirements will be waived.
- (d) No student removed from any officer position is eligible to run for an office or any Council position in the following election.

iii) Election of Officers

- (a) The student body of the School of Music shall elect Primary Officers, to include a President and Vice President for the Council in Spring, as prescribed by the Student Government Association, and shall do so as part of a School of Music-wide election.

## **ARTICLE V — OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

The number of officers may vary, but all officers must be students at the University of Louisville, and are ultimately responsible for the organization. Terms for each office are upheld through one academic year. The officers of the School of Music Council include:

- i) President— responsible for leading School of Music Council meetings, attending all Senate and Executive Board Student Government Association Meetings unless presenting a proxy\*, collaborating with the School of Music Council to form a budget for the year, and communicating with all members of the School of Music Council.
- ii) Vice President— responsible attending and taking the minutes for School of Music Council meetings, attending all Student Government Association Senate Meetings unless presenting a proxy\*, collaborating with the School of Music Council to form a budget for the year, and communicating with all members of the School of Music Council.

\* A proxy must be a student within the School of Music that represents the same values as the officer that he/she is taking the place of and must be approved by all members of the School of Music Student Council.

i) Removal and Replacement of Officers

- (a) A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President; all other vacancies are to be filled by the appointment of the President, with the advice and consent of the Council by simple majority vote.

ii) Duties of all members

- (a) Each voting member is expected to attend all meetings, take the floor, make and second motions, and cast one vote per motion.
- (b) The Council may ratify, refuse to ratify, censure or refuse to censure amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution by majority vote of those members present at the meeting.

- (c) By a two-thirds (2/3) majority of its members present and voting, the Council can reverse any action taken by its officers providing such action is reversible.
- (d) By a simple majority of its members present and voting, the Council can direct any officer in the performance of his/her duties.
- (e) The President will be expected to hold meetings in a timely fashion and with accordance to their purpose. They will also be expected to provide attendance lists from all meetings for review by the Vice-President.
- (f) The Council voting members are the final authority in matters of student government in the School of Music.

### **ARTICLE V: Meetings & Procedure**

School of Music Student Council meetings shall be held on an as-needed basis during the fall and spring semesters. Any student has the right to attend any meeting of the Council, and to take the floor when recognized. Rule of order not governed by this Constitution shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised unless otherwise stipulated by the Council.

#### i) Rules, Debate, Voting

- (a) The Vice-President, at each Council meeting, will take roll to provide record of attendance. Attendance records will be kept in perpetuity.
- (b) A majority of voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business.
  - 1. A quorum is assumed unless called for by any member of the Council, and business transacted before a quorum was called is valid.

2. If quorum was present at roll call, it can not be destroyed as long as there remains at the meeting a majority of the first established sequence.

(c) The President or two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting may impose a time limit on the debate of any given issue.

ii) Appropriations

(a) Appropriation-related matters will be handled either by the President or the Vice President.

**ARTICLE VII: Constitutional amendments**

i) All members shall receive a written notice of a proposed amendment to this Constitution. Such amendments must be submitted in writing at the previous meeting. Then the said Constitution may be amended as follows:

(a) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Council members present and voting at that meeting

(b) By a majority vote of the Council to submit the amendment to the student body along with a majority of the students voting in the referendum