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Constitution Of The  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
of  
Jacksonville State College

Preamble  
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We, the students of Jacksonville State Teachers College, recognizing the primary purpose of this institution is to train men and women in the principles of leadership, realizing that our hopes and aims can be attained only through harmonious cooperation with the college administration and with the community, we the students of Jacksonville State Teachers College do hereby declare the following principles to be our government.

Recognizing the Constitution and laws of the national government, the constitutional laws of the State of Alabama, and the authority of the college administration, we purpose always to maintain high intellectual and moral standards as the basic elements of a well-governed student body and to promote those interests basic to good citizenship.

Believing that our government and this college administration will always recognize these rights and that neither will ever become officious by attempting injudicious control or by exerting legislation offensive to the student body: Holding that the power of this government rests mainly upon the creation and maintenance of a well-balanced student sentiment based on the profound respect for the welfare and decorum of the college, which condemn the spirit of lawlessness and uphold right. Trusting that we will merit and receive the confidence and support of the college administration and public, we hereby ordain and establish the following Constitution for the government of student affairs at the Jacksonville State Teachers College.

## ARTICLE I - GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Jacksonville State Teachers College.

Section 2. The membership of this organization shall consist of all students (except extension) who are enrolled in regularly scheduled classes on the campus.

Section 3. The executive officers of the Student Government Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 4. The legislative body of this organization shall be the Student Council.

## ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSN.

Section 1. Duties of the President. The duties of the President of the Student Government Association shall be to call and preside over all meetings of the Student Government Association, the Student Council and other such duties as pertain to the office of President. To appoint committees of the Student Government Association when they are needed to expedite business, at least one member of which must be a member of the Student Council; and to perform any other services which shall be delegated to him by the Student Government Association and which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution.

Section 2. Duties of the vice-president. The duties of the vice-president of the Student Government Association shall be the same as above, when for any reason he assumes the duties of the President of the Student Government Association. He shall serve as Chairman of the Planning Committee as provided for in Article V, Section 2, and Chairman of the Social Committee as is set forth in Article VIII, Section 1.

Section 3. Duties of the secretary. The secretary shall keep records of Student Government Association and Student Council meetings, handle all official correspondence of the Student Government Association, keep records of discipline cases and keep a book of all By-Laws passed by the Student Council. The secretary shall serve on the Planning Committee as is set forth in Article V, Section 2.

Section 4. Duties of the treasurer. The duties of the treasurer shall be to receive all funds which come into his hands by virtue of his office and to dispense same under the direction of the President of the Student Government Association, of the Student Government Association and the Student Council when he deems the latter two just the names of the treasurer and the Student Government Association President shall appear jointly on checks written against the Student Government Association funds. The treasurer shall also be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee as is set forth in Article V, Section 3.

### ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1. Organization. The Student Council shall be made up of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Student Government Association and sixteen (16) class representatives elected from the following classes: Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman, consisting of the class presidents and twelve elected representatives: one from each respective class shall serve as a social representative.

(A) A quorum for the Student Council shall be fifty per cent (50%) of its members.

(B) All members of the Student Council shall be expected to attend all meetings. Any member who is absent from two consecutive meetings without a reason which is satisfactory to a majority of the whole Student Council shall automatically forfeit membership in the council.

Section 2. The Student Council will be invested with the legislative power necessary to handle problems and direct the activities of the Student Government Association and to serve as its governing body. The Council shall have power to call special elections and administer recall procedure against any officer or member of the Student Council and class officers; but in no manner shall these powers be construed to infringe upon the rights granted the assembly of members of the Association by this Constitution.

Section 3. The Student Council shall meet not less than twice monthly, the time to be decided by the Council at the beginning of each year. In addition to the two monthly meetings, the President of the Student Government Association shall have the power to call additional meetings when he deems it necessary.

### ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Qualifications for officers of the Student Government Association.

(A) To be eligible for the office of President or Vice-President of the Student Government Association the candidate must have to his credit in the office of the Registrar of Jacksonville State Teachers College (on or before the day of his election) sufficient hours to be classified as a Junior or some higher classification.

(B) To be eligible for Secretary or Treasurer of the Student Government Association a candidate must have to his credit in the office of the Registrar (on or before the day of his election) sufficient hours to be classified as a member of the Sophomore class or some higher classification.

(C) All candidates for the offices named in this article must have passed with an over-all average of "C" for all work done at Jacksonville.

(D) The Election Committee and the President of the Student Government Association shall have joint power to approve or disapprove the students' application to become a candidate as set forth in Article V, Section 1 and Article II, Section 1. The candidates' records

shall be checked to determine his previous conduct, character, scholastic average, and leadership ability.

(E) Each student must have been enrolled at Jacksonville State College the previous session before election.

Section 2. Procedure necessary for qualifying as a candidate for an office of the Student Government Association.

(A) Each candidate must file with the Secretary of the Student Government Association, at least two weeks before date of election a written statement of his intention to become a candidate, signed by ten qualified students and containing the name of his campaign manager.

Section 3. Date of Student Government Association elections.

(A) The election shall be held during the first week of April.

(B) In the event a run-off election is necessary, said runoff shall be held seven days following the regular election, if that day falls on a class day. IN the even it does not fall on a class day, it shall be held on the first class day following the seventh day.

Section 4. Election and installation of Student Government Association officers.

(A) In order to be elected, a candidate must have received a majority of the votes cast in the race for that office. In the event that he does not receive a majority of the votes cast for that office, a run-off election shall be held as provided in Section 3, Division (B) of this article. In a run-off election, only the two highest candidates shall be voted on.

(B) The voting shall be conducted according to popular vote. The voting shall be conducted by the Election Committee as provided in Article V, Section 1.

(C) When a representative from the class resigns from the Student Council for any reason, the president of the class from which the representative resigned shall call a meeting of that class and said class shall elect another representative. Election shall be by majority vote of those present. Classmeeting for election shall carry one week's advance notice.

(D) All officers of the Student Government Association shall hold office for a period of one year from the time of their election or until their successors are elected and have taken over the offices except as regards to Summer sessions as set forth in Article VI, Section 1.

(E) By a two-thirds vote of the entire student body, any officer may be recalled for any negligence of duty or misconduct as deemed so by the President of the college or Discipline Committee.

## ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1. An election committee shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association and ratified by the President of the college and shall be composed of a chairman and five students of not less than third quarter junior standing and more than two of which shall be members of the Student Council. The committee shall name its own chairman.

This committee shall be in charge of approving applications of candidates who are running for office, placing the ballot boxes at the places specified by the Student Government Association, presiding at the polls and counting the ballots. The committee shall serve for the period of one year.

Section 2. The Planning Committee. The Planning Committee shall consist of the Vice-President of the Student Government Association as chairman and three other members of the Student Council.

(A) This committee will submit to the Student Council an outline of the objectives and activities of the Student Government Association for the ensuing year not later than the sixth week of the Fall session. These recommendations are to be acted upon by the Student Council but they are not to be considered binding and the Council may at any time request the Planning Committee to revise the plans.

Section 3. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the Student Government Association as chairman and three other members of the Student Council.

(A) This committee shall work out the budget, devise ways of securing funds and in general, manage the finances of the Student Government Association.

Section 4. A Coordinating Committee shall be appointed at the Fall session by the President of the Student Government Association.

(A) This committee shall have the jurisdiction to approve or disapprove all requests by individual students or organizations for permission to sell any product on the campus or in the college buildings.

## ARTICLE VI - SUMMER SESSION

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall continue to function during the summer session. The Student Council shall consist of the newly elected representatives from each respective class especially elected for the summer session.

(A) Class officers elected for the summer session shall be elected in accordance with Amendment VI.

(B) The election shall be held during the second week of the summer session.

(C) IN the event of the absence of any executive committee member of the previous year, his successor shall take office at the beginning of the summer session.

## ARTICLE VII - ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES

Section 1. Elections. The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes shall meet and organize as separate classes. Officers of the classes shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two Student Government Representatives, and a social committee representative.

Section 2. Duties of the class officers:

(A) It shall be the duty of the president of each class to call and preside over the meetings of his class.

(B) The duties of the vice-president of each class shall be the same as above if for any reason he should become acting president.

(C) It shall be the duty of the secretary of the class to keep the records of all class meetings and to handle all class correspondence.

(D) The treasurer of each class shall handle any money belonging to his class.

(E) All class officers shall perform duties delegated to them by the Student Council.

Section 3. Class officers shall be elected the second or third week of the Fall session.

## ARTICLE VIII - SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Social Committee shall be composed of the Student Government Association Vice-President and the representative of each class as provided for under Article VII, Section 1. Their duties are to sponsor such additional activities as have not already been delegated by the Student Council before being announced.

(A) They shall also fulfill any other duties imposed upon them by the Student Council.

## ARTICLE IX - ADVISORS

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall have one faculty advisor appointed to them at the beginning of each fall term to serve as advisor to the Student Government Association for that year.

(A) The advisor shall be appointed jointly by the President of the college and the President of the Student Government Association.

Section 2. Faculty advisors to each class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior) shall be appointed by the college administration at the beginning of the Fall term.



## ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Discipline Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Student Government Association and such faculty members as are appointed by the President of the college.

Section 2. A summons to appear before the Discipline Committee is compulsory.

(A) A written and signed complaint must be submitted by the complainant before a summons will be served.

Section 3. A student has the privilege of appealing a decision of the Discipline Committee to the President of the College.

## ARTICLE XI - CHEERLEADERS

Section 1. There shall be elected each year at the beginning of the Fall session, eight cheerleaders.

(A) The cheerleaders shall be elected by popular vote of the student body upon demonstration of their ability before the student body. The eight receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

(B) The election shall be held during the second week of the fall term.

(C) Expectant graduation or withdrawal from Jacksonville State College before the football season is over will disqualify one for try-outs.

(D) The election will be held in accordance with Article V, Section 1.

## ARTICLE XII - PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be a President's Council of advisory capacity to serve as a medium of student administration exchange of views.

Section 2. The President's Council shall be composed of all presidents of all organizations, fraternities, clubs, and dormitories on the campus.

## AMENDMENT I - ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES

Section 1. Organization. The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes shall meet and organize as separate classes. Officers of the classes shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two Student Council representatives, a social committee representative to the Student Council, and a reporter.

Section 2. Qualifications for class officers:

(A) Candidates shall be regularly enrolled at Jacksonville State College and shall have full intention of remaining at Jacksonville for at least one scholastic year.

(B) All candidates for the offices named in this article must have passed with an over-all average of "C" for all work done at Jacksonville.

(C) The Election Committee and the President of the Student Government Association shall have joint power to screen the students' applications to become a candidate as set forth in Article V, Section 1, and Article II, Section 1. The candidates' records shall be checked to determine their previous conduct, character, scholastic average, and leadership ability.

(D) Each candidate must file with the secretary of the Student Government Association at least one week before the date of election, a written statement of his intention to become a candidate. The secretary shall deliver the applications to the proper party for checking and approval. The candidate shall be notified within twenty-four hours whether or not his application is approved.

### Section 3. Procedure for class elections:

(A) Candidates must qualify for office by 3:30, Friday of the second week of the fall term. The election shall be held by each respective class on Friday of the third week of the Fall term, or the first school day thereafter.

(B) In order to be elected, a candidate must have received a majority of the votes cast in the race for that office. In the event that he does not receive a majority of the votes cast for that office, a run-off election shall be held immediately following the first count. In a run-off election only the two highest candidates shall be voted upon.

(C) The voting shall be conducted according to popular vote. The voting shall be conducted by the newly appointed class advisors.

(D) All class officers shall hold office through the scholastic year. New class officers shall be elected for the Summer session as set forth in Section 1 of Article VI.

### Section 4. Duties of class officers:

(A) It shall be the duty of the president of each class to call and preside over the meetings of his class. He shall be vested with the power of appointing the various committees necessary for carrying on class functions and social activities. He shall serve as a member of the Student Council.

(B) The duties of the vice-president shall be the same as those of the president if and when for any reason he should become acting president.

(C) It shall be the duty of the secretary of the class to keep the records of all class meetings and to handle all class correspondence. Records shall be kept on a special book for that purpose only and passed on from year to year.

(D) The treasurer of each class shall receive all funds of the class and shall dispense of the funds under the direction of the president and class. He shall be required to keep an accurate record of all debits and credits and be ready at any time to open the books for inspection by the treasurer of the Student Government Association. The books shall be turned over to the Student Council at the end of the Spring and Summer terms and passed on to the newly elected treasurers. All money of each class shall be in the college treasurer's office and shall be drawn only by the treasurer and the president of the class. The names of the treasurer and the president of each class shall be given to the college treasurer each year and kept by him for his use in dispensing of funds.

(E) The reporter shall be responsible for all publicity for the class and shall see that news articles concerning class functions are published.

Section 5. All class officers shall perform duties delegated to them by the Student Council.

## AMENDMENT II - CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Section 1. Chartering of new organizations.

(A) A certificate of organization requesting a charter must be filed with the secretary of the Student Government Association and a charter granted by the Student Council before a new organization may become officially active.

(B) In case of an organization which has previously been active and has become inactive after March 1, 1953, a certification of re-organization must be filed with the secretary of the Student Council and a charter granted before the organization may become officially active. Organizations which became inactive prior to March 1, 1953, shall be considered new organizations.

### Section 2. Certificate of Organization.

(A) Certificate of organization shall consist of the name of the organization, the sponsor and/or faculty advisor, and date of filing the number of charter members, and the purposes and aims of the organization, and the names of the officers.

(B) The certificate of organization shall be accompanied by the constitution drawn up in advance by the originators. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council before the charter is granted.

## AMENDMENT III

Section 1. The Student Council shall pay from its treasury to the President of the Student Government Association a compensation in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per quarter.

(A) Commencing the Fall session, 1953, the President of the Student Government Association shall receive a compensation, paid from the treasury of the Student Council, in the amount of (\$50.00) per semester.

(B) This article shall become effective at the beginning of the Summer Session, 1953.

#### AMENDMENT IV - ORGANIZATION OF MIMOSA

Section 1. The yearbook of Jacksonville State College shall be called the MIMOSA.

#### Section 2. Organization.

(A) The editor, business manager, and circulation manager shall be elected each year, not later than the third week in April.

(B) The voting shall be conducted according to popular vote of the student body. The voting shall be conducted by the Election Committee as provided for in Article V, Section 1, jointly with the editor of the previous year, the student advisor and faculty advisor. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for that office. Run-off elections shall be held as prescribed in Section 4, Article IV.

(C) A staff shall be appointed jointly by the editor and the student advisor with the advice of the faculty advisor.

(D) There shall be appointed each year a faculty advisor jointly by the president of the Student Government Association and the President of the College.

#### Section 3. Qualifications.

(A) The officers named in this article must have on record in the office of the Registrar on the day of election an over-all average grade of "C" for all work completed at Jacksonville.

(B) All officers named in this article must plan to continue study at Jacksonville at least until the MIMOSA has been received and distributed.

#### Section 4. Duties of officers:

(A) It shall be the duty of the faculty advisor to approve all copy before mailing it to the publisher.

(B) The editor shall have the duty of complete organization of the staff, shall handle all contracts for the yearbook with consent of the student advisor, and shall be responsible to the advisors. It shall be the duty of the editor to make a working schedule and assign the duties of the staff.

(C) It shall be the duty of the business manager to sell and collect for all advertisement. He shall be responsible to the editor to raise the necessary funds for publication of the MIMOSA, and may be assigned other duties by the editor. Sale of advertisement shall commence during the summer session. The business manager shall be required to keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.

(D) The circulation manager shall be responsible for the circulation of the MIMOSA, and shall carry out any other duties imposed upon him by the editor.

(E) All members of the staff shall be responsible for the duties assigned them by the editor.

Section 4-b. Compensation for officers:

(A) The editor shall receive a compensation from the MIMOSA funds for services in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable as following: Twenty per cent upon completion of first copy, twenty per cent upon completion of second copy, thirty per cent upon completion of third copy, and the balance of thirty per cent upon the return of the MIMOSAS. The editor shall receive in addition one-half of the discount on early payments to the publisher. Monies for early payments shall be sent to the publisher on discretion of the student advisor and the editor. The editor shall be penalized fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for every copy that is late reaching the publisher whenever such delay is due to negligence of the editor or any member of his staff.

(B) The business manager shall receive a percent of the advertisement sold as follows: ten percent on first one thousand dollars, twenty per cent of second thousand dollars, twenty-five percent for all over three thousand dollars.

The business manager will be penalized forty per cent of his commission on all advertisement sold after October 25.

(C) The circulation manager shall receive five percent of the amount for the first three hundred copies sold and ten percent on all copies sold over three hundred.

The circulation manager will be penalized one hundred per cent of his commission if total sales of MIMOSA falls below three hundred copies. Copies will be sold up to and including November 15.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the student advisor to see that the yearbook is being made within the limits of the finance available.

Section 6. Any profits made on the publication of a yearbook shall carried over to the next year or may be dispensed of in some other manner upon the discretion of the student advisor and the editor with the consent of the faculty advisor.

Section 7. By a two-thirds vote of the Student Council, any officer or member of the staff may be recalled for negligence of duty or misconduct.

Section 8. Any discount received by contract terms made with the publisher shall be applied in the making of the MIMOSA.

AMENDMENT V - INAUGURATION

Section 1. The inauguration ceremony for the Student Government Association officers and members of the Student Council shall be held at the beginning of the Fall session. The time and date of the inauguration shall be set by the President of the College and the President of the Student Government Association.

AMENDMENT VI - COUNTING OF BALLOTS

Section 1. Ballots of all elections mentioned in this Constitution shall be counted by the Election Committee in the presence of the faculty advisor and the President of the Student Government Association.

AMENDMENT VII

Section 1. The President of the Student Government Association shall act as Student Advisor to the yearbook.