

# **ECKERD COLLEGE ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS**

## **Student Senate Bylaws**

### **ARTICLE I. Name and Membership**

#### **Section 101**

The name of this organization shall be Student Senate as stated in the ECOS Constitution. Membership shall consist of any member of the Eckerd College student body who is elected by the students in their entering class.

### **ARTICLE II. Mission Statement**

#### **Section 201**

As the official voice of the Student Body, the Student Senate serves as a liaison between students and the administration, and represents Eckerd College to the outside community, as well as serving as advocates for future students. Senate shall allocate the Student Activity Fee and ensure appropriate spending among clubs in conjunction with the Financial Affairs Committee. Senators shall work in subcommittees to focus on key issues voiced by the student body and act efficiently to make lasting changes on campus. The Student Senate works as autonomous organization ensuring that the college remains student focused.

### **ARTICLE III. Terms and Elections**

#### **Section 301**

Senators shall serve a term which last no longer then one year.

#### **Section 302**

The President Pro-Tempore shall be elected at the first official meeting of the Senate.

### **ARTICLE IV. Duties**

#### **Section 401**

Senators are required to attend all meetings and special events as specified by the Senate Chairperson. Senators deviating from these duties shall encounter the following penalties:

- A) A Senator with three unexcused tardies will be marked as having one excused absence.
- B) A Senator with three unexcused absences will be brought in front of the Senate for discussion of the absences. The Senate will Censure the Senator and if it deems necessary start the impeachment process.
- C) Attendance policies can be applied by the Senate Chairperson for school events and those functions that he/she deems necessary.

### **ARTICLE V. Committees**

#### **Section 501**

All Senators are required to join one Senate Committee. The Senate shall possess the power to change, add, or remove committees when it deems necessary. Each committee shall:

- A) Designate a committee chairperson.
- B) Consist of at least three members of the Senate voting body.
- C) Give committee reports twice during the semester. The Senate Chairperson shall assign committee report dates.

**ARTICLE VI. Censure Procedures**  
**Section 601**

A Censure shall be executed when the Senate chooses to issue an official disapproval of a member's actions. Any voting member of the Student Senate has the right to introduce a motion to censure another Senator.

**Section 602**

The censure procedure shall be implemented as outline herein:

- A) The Senator that is issuing the censure shall be granted the floor to articulate why he/she feels a censure should be issued.
- B) The Senator that is being accused shall be granted the floor to articulate his/her defense.
- C) The floor shall be opened to the entire Senate for debate. The chairperson shall determine the time limit for the debate unless there are objections.
- D) The Senator issuing the censure shall be granted the floor to restate the Censure and closing arguments.
- E) The Senator being accused shall be granted two-minutes for closing arguments.
- F) Each Senator shall be granted one last comment.
- G) There shall be a roll call vote. A majority vote is needed for the motion to pass
- H) The recording secretary shall document the censure.

**Section 603**

The next step for disciplinary action against a senator shall be impeachment as stated in the ECOS Constitution.

**ARTICLE VII. Amendments of Bylaws**  
**Sections 701**

A two-thirds vote of the entire Student Senate is required to amend the Student Senate Bylaws.