

**UTRGV Student Government Association Constitutional Amendments
Election Results: March 7-9, 2022**

Q1. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 2.01 Executive Officers?

CURRENT 2.01.01 Membership and Selection

a. The Executive Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President for Brownsville and Vice President for Edinburg.

PROPOSED CHANGE

a. The Executive Officers shall consist of the President and two (2) Vice Presidents to assist the President and fulfill the roles and responsibilities as stated in the governing documents.

Count	Percent	
326	69.66%	For
142	30.34%	Against

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Q2. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 2.01 Executive Officers?

CURRENT 2.01.02 Eligibility Requirements

d. Vice Presidents must be enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours at the location they desire to represent at both the time of application or appointment and while holding office.

PROPOSED CHANGE

~~REMOVE d. Vice Presidents must be enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours at the location they desire to represent at both the time of application or appointment and while holding office.~~

Count	Percent	
279	59.62%	For
189	40.38%	Against

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Q3. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 3.01 The Senate?

CURRENT 3.01.01 Membership and Selection

a. Academic Senators:

- Four (4) undergraduate students per academic college shall be elected by the undergraduate students enrolled in their respective academic college. At least one (1) senator must be from a different location.
- Graduate Senators: Four (4) graduate students representing the Graduate College shall be elected by graduate students. Two (2) senators will represent each location.
- Senators-At-Large: Eight (8) undergraduate or graduate students shall be elected by students enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours at their respective location. Four (4) senators will represent each location.

PROPOSED CHANGE

a. Academic Senators:

- Four (4) undergraduate students per academic college shall be elected by the undergraduate students enrolled in their respective academic college. ~~REMOVE-At least one (1) senator must be from a different location.~~
- Graduate Senators: Four (4) graduate students representing the Graduate College shall be elected by graduate students. ~~REMOVE Two (2) senators will represent each location.~~
- Senators-At-Large: Eight (8) undergraduate or graduate students shall be elected by students enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours at their respective location. Four (4) senators will represent each location.

ADD Clause: In any situation where The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley establishes a campus where the student population requires representation based upon the recommendation of the Dean of Students or approval of a petition of the students by from that location- the SGA Advisory Council shall prompt the Chair of the Senate to create two (2) Senator At-Large positions, followed by their location to represent that student population.

Count	Percent	
342	78.98%	For
91	21.02%	Against

433

Q4. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 3.01 The Senate?

CURRENT 3.01.02 Eligibility Requirements

- a. Undergraduate students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA cumulative at the time of application and appointment and maintain good academic standing throughout their SGA term.
- e. Members must be enrolled for the majority of credit hours at the location they represent at the time of application and while holding office, unless stated otherwise through amendment or suspension.

PROPOSED CHANGE

- a. Undergraduate students must maintain good academic standing as defined by the University at the time of application, and appointment, and maintain good academic standing throughout their SGA term.

~~**REMOVE** e. Members must be enrolled for the majority of credit hours at the location they represent at the time of application and while holding office, unless stated otherwise through amendment or suspension.~~

Count

Percent

318	73.44%	For
115	26.56%	Against

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Q5. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 4.01 The Supreme Court?

CURRENT 4.01.01 Membership and Selection

- b. The Supreme Court shall consist of seven (7) members; two (2) Associate Justices from each location (two (2) from Edinburg and two (2) from Brownsville), one (1) faculty/staff Associate Justice from each location (one (1) from Edinburg, one (1) from Brownsville), and one (1) Chief Justice. The Chief Justice position must be filled by a student.
- d. The term for faculty/staff members of the Judicial Branch shall be for three (3) years from the time of appointment.

PROPOSED CHANGE

- b. The Supreme Court shall consist of five (5) members; four (4) Associate Justices and one (1) Chief Justice. ~~**REMOVE** The Chief Justice position must be filled by a student.~~

~~**REMOVE** d. The term for faculty/staff members of the Judicial Branch shall be for three (3) years from the time of appointment.~~

Count

Percent

314	76.40%	For
97	23.60%	Against

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Respondents

Q6. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 4.01 The Supreme Court?

CURRENT 4.01.02 Eligibility Requirements

- a. Undergraduate students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA cumulative at the time of application and appointment and maintain good academic standing throughout their SGA term.
- d. Members must be enrolled for the majority of credit hours at the location they represent at the time of application and while holding office, unless stated otherwise through amendment or suspension.

PROPOSED CHANGE

- a. Undergraduate students must maintain good academic standing as defined by the University at the time of application, and appointment, and maintain good academic standing throughout their SGA term.

~~**REMOVE** d. Members must be enrolled for the majority of credit hours at the location they represent at the time of application and while holding office, unless stated otherwise through amendment or suspension.~~

Count

Percent

294	71.53%	For
117	28.47%	Against

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Q7. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 4.01 The Supreme Court?

CURRENT 4.01.03 Role and Authority

The Chief Justice shall:

1. Serve as the chief administrator of the Supreme Court.
2. Preside over meetings and hearings of the Supreme Court.
3. Be responsible for ensuring that the Supreme Court conducts business according to the provisions of the SGA Constitution, Bylaws, and additional procedures adopted by the Supreme Court.
4. Be responsible for keeping a complete record of all judicial actions, copies of which must be filed regularly with the Office of the Dean of Students.
5. Have the authority to request testimony from witnesses.

PROPOSED CHANGE

ADD 6. Initiate the removal process and impeachment process, as designated in the bylaws.

ADD 7. Student Court

a. Shall recommend the creation of student court systems to the Dean of Students.

Count	Percent	
365	88.81%	For
46	11.19%	Against

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Q8. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to 7.01 Removal from Office?

CURRENT 7.01.01 Removal from office shall occur under the following circumstances:

- a. The Sergeant at Arms recommends to the Chief Justice the removal of a Senator due to unexcused absences.

PROPOSED CHANGE

a. The Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over the removal and impeachment processes unless otherwise noted.

Count	Percent	
349	85.33%	For
60	14.67%	Against

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Q9. Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed constitutional amendment to?

CURRENT 10.03 Ratification of the Constitution and Amendments

10.03.03 The Dean of Students shall have the power, when in his or her judgment the interest of the institution shall require it, to amend or repeal any provision in the Constitution or Bylaws of the Student Government Association, but such action shall not be effective until approved by the UTRGV President.

PROPOSED CHANGE

10.03.03 The Dean of Students shall have the power, when in his or her judgment the interest of the institution shall require it, to amend or repeal any provision in the Constitution or Bylaws of the Student Government Association, but such action shall not be effective until approved by the SGA President and UTRGV President.

Count	Percent	
365	89.46%	For
43	10.54%	Against

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