

**Suffolk University Law School
Student Bar Association
Constitution**

Preamble

We the Students of Suffolk University Law School, in order to support and encourage academic excellence and professional development; to preserve the right of students to acquire a quality legal education in a just and reasonable environment; to provide a means of communication between students and the Law School; and to maintain liaison with alumni, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Student Bar Association of Suffolk University Law School.

Article I. Membership

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the representative body of the students. Any student enrolled in Suffolk University Law School is automatically a member upon payment of the annual dues, included in the tuition bill. SBA dues, will be assessed from time to time and can only be changed by a majority vote of the student body, three-fourths vote of the Board of Governors, and final approval of the Dean.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the SBA is to act in the interests and for the benefit of its members, the student body. The SBA sponsors programs and activities of academic, professional and social nature. The SBA is the representative of the student body with respect to the Law School administration as well as to organizations outside SULS.

Article III. Structure of the Governing Body of the SBA

The following shall govern the SBA:

Board of Governors (Class and Organization Representatives)

Executive Council (President/Vice President/ Secretary/Treasurer/Chief of Staff)

Executive Committee (Cabinet of Committee Heads selected by President/Vice President with approval from the Board of Governors)

1. Board of Governors shall consist of:

To foster increased communication between the student body and the BOG and maintain proportionate representation, the number of elected class representatives shall be

amended as wherein the number from each “section” is determined by the proportions divided in the first year for day and evening (ex. 2 evening, 4 day).

A. Elected Class Representatives:

- 1) One representative from each section from the first year day division.
- 2) One representative from each section from the first year evening division.
- 3) One representative from each section from the second year day division.
- 4) One representative from each section from the second year evening division.
- 5) One representative from each section from the third year day division.
- 6) One representative from each section of the third year evening division.
- 7) One representative from each section of the fourth year division.
- 8) One representative from the LLM division.

B. One Honor Board Liaison. This position will also be a member of the Executive Committee.

C. One Council of President Liaison. This position will be a member of the Executive Committee.

D. President of the ABA/LSD Chapter. This position will also be a member of the Executive Committee.

E. The Vice President.

F. Graduation Committee Chairperson (Spring Semester only)

G. The President shall vote only in cases where his/her vote will affect the outcome.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- A. Secretary
- B. Treasurer
- C. Chief of Staff
- D. Director of Appropriations
- E. Directors of Academic Affairs
- E. Directors of External Affairs
- F. Directors of Student Affairs

- G. Directors of Alumni Affairs
- H. Director of Technology
- I. Liaison to the Massachusetts Bar Association
- J. Liaison to the Boston Bar Association
- K. Chief Justice (Parliamentarian)
- L. First Year At-Large Liaison
- M. Other ad hoc members

Associate Chair Positions shall exist for Academic, External, Student and Alumni Affairs. One associate chair position on each committee shall be reserved for a First Year Student entering Suffolk University Law School in the fall semester of the President's term.

3. Committee Membership

- A. The Appropriations Committee will be made up of 12 students, interviewed and selected by the President/Vice President, with input from the Treasurer and the Appropriations Director. At least two of the 12 must be elected representatives. At least four of the twelve must be evening students. The Treasurer and the Director do not count towards the twelve but may count towards the other quotas
- B. All other committees are open to all students after meeting with the President or Committee Director.

Article IV. Duties and Functions of the Governing Body of the SBA

1. Board of Governors (BOG)-The BOG shall have the power to formulate policies of the SBA and to supervise its activities. It shall have all powers necessary and proper to achieve the purposes of the organization, unless explicitly limited by this Constitution and By Laws.

- A. The BOG shall have the power to approve any appointments made by the President and Vice President to the Executive Council and Executive Committee, to standing committees, to ad hoc committees and to the remaining terms of vacant offices. Approval of all such appointments shall be by simple majority vote.

B. The BOG shall have the exclusive power to decide the allocation of SBA funds by a two-thirds majority vote.

C. The BOG shall elect a Chief Justice by a two-thirds majority vote.

D. Class Representatives Responsibilities

(1) Each Class Representative shall have the duty of serving on at least one Standing Committee, as appointed by the President and Vice President with advice and consent of the Board.

(2) Day Division Representatives are required to serve two office hours weekly. Evening Division Representatives are required to serve one office hour weekly.

(3) Disseminate Official SBA Minutes and/or other SBA news and information to the section in a timely manner.

2. Executive Council- Consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief of Staff. The Executive Council are members of the Executive Committee.

A. President. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the SBA and is responsible for faithfully executing the will of the BOG. The President shall have all powers necessary and proper to carry out the policies formulated by the BOG, and to carry out his/her own policy, subject to the limitations of this Constitution, its Bylaws and decisions of the BOG. The President is the ex officio chair of the Executive Council, and the Executive Committee and an ex officio member of the COP, and all standing and ad hoc committees. The President is the official spokesperson of the SBA and the student body. The President shall convoke all meetings of the BOG. The President shall, by agreement with the Vice President, submit appointments to the BOG for positions on the Executive Committee. The President may establish ad hoc committees from time to time as he/she may deem necessary and proper, and may request that Board members serve on such committees. The SBA President also serves as a voting member of the Law Student Division Assembly of the American Bar Association.

B. Vice President. The Vice President shares the responsibility with the President for the faithful execution of the will of the BOG. The Vice President shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President, and shall fulfill the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence, incapacity or death. The Vice President is an official spokesperson of the SBA and the student body. The Vice President shall chair the Orientation Committee. The Vice President is a voting member of the BOG.

C. Secretary. The Secretary shall be the official recording officer and custodian of the records of the SBA. He or she shall record attendance at all meetings, take

minutes of said meetings, maintain a list of BOG and Executive Committee members and keep all SBA correspondences. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the Board or by the President, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and Vice President. The Secretary shall be responsible for managing all elections to BOG positions, shall be Chairperson of the Elections Committee and may establish such subcommittees as he or she shall deem appropriate to carry out these duties efficiently and effectively.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the financial affairs of the SBA. He or she shall maintain appropriate financial records in a professional manner, provide regular statements of financial conditions to the Board, and ensure that funds are spent in a manner consistent with the budget adopted by the BOG. The Treasurer may implement such procedures as he or she may deem necessary to ensure that funds are managed in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the Board or by the President, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and Vice President. The Treasurer shall perform monthly audits of the SBA records and report those records within two weeks to the Dean of Students and the SBA President. The Treasurer must be a member of the Appropriations Committee.

E. Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff will be a first year student responsible for managing the elected Class Representatives. The Chief of Staff will establish continuing communication with the representatives and assists them on all aspects of their duties. The Chief of Staff will monitor Class Representative Duties to make sure they are being performed properly. The Chief of Staff shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the Board or by the President or the Secretary, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and Vice President and the Secretary. The Chief of Staff shall be a standing member of the Election Committee.

3. Executive Committee- The executive and administrative functions of the SBA will be carried out by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Governors and subject to the powers of the BOG as enumerated herein. The Executive Committee must consist of at least one-third evening students. There shall be co-directors of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Alumni Affairs and External Affairs. To encourage diversity and a wide range of backgrounds and viewpoints on the Executive Committee, the President, in appointing co-directors and associate chairs, shall make reasonable efforts to ensure evening students are represented.

A. Executive Committee NON Voting Members

1. Directors of Academic Affairs. Academic Affairs shall be a permanent standing committee. The Directors shall be responsible for zealously representing the interests of the student body with respect to all academic

aspects of SULS. The Directors responsibility may include, but is not limited to, maintaining a close relationship with the appropriate or corresponding members of the law school administration or staff and conducting surveys to gain insight as to the academic needs and desires of the SULS student body with regards to course offerings. The Directors may create subcommittees as they see fit from time to time with approval of the SBA President.

2. Directors of Alumni Affairs. Alumni Affairs shall be a permanent standing committee. The Directors shall maintain a relationship with Suffolk alumni and alumnae, with appropriate Bar organizations, and with other entities as the Directors, The President, the Vice President and the BOG deem appropriate. The Director shall work with the Director(s) of External Affairs to promote the goodwill of SULS and the SBA to Alumni. The Director may represent the President, Vice President, and the BOG at official alumni events at the discretion of the President. The Directors shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the President, Vice President or the BOG, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and the Vice President. The Directors may create subcommittees as they see fit from time to time with approval of the SBA President.

3. Directors of External Affairs. External Affairs shall be a permanent standing committee. The Director of External Affairs shall maintain liaison with the school newspaper, university public relations office, local, state and national media, and other appropriate public relations medium. The Directors shall promote the goodwill of the school and the SBA. The Directors shall assist Organization Presidents with press releases and public relations materials. The Directors shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the President, Vice President or the BOG, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and the Vice President. The Directors may create subcommittees as they see fit from time to time with approval of the SBA President.

4. Director of Appropriations- Appropriations shall be a permanent standing committee. The Director of Appropriations shall be responsible for conveying the monthly meeting of the Appropriations committee. The Director shall report to the BOG the committee's recommendations regarding supplemental funding requests for organizations. The Director will work with the SBA Treasurer preparing the SBA Budget. The Director will appoint committee members to perform monthly audits and quarterly audits and will report those audits to the Deans Office. The Director will also assist the President in reporting the results of the audits to the BOG and the student body when requested. The Director shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the President, Vice President, the Treasurer or the BOG, and shall perform all

duties necessary to assist the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer. The Director may create subcommittees as they see fit from time to time with approval of the SBA President.

5. Directors of Student Affairs. Student Affairs shall be a permanent standing committee. Student Affairs shall be split into two subcommittees, Student Affairs Social and Student Affairs Office of Student Concerns Department. The function of the Student Affairs Committee directors is threefold: (1) To host various social activities for the benefit of the Student Body; (2) to make its office receptive to any concerns or suggestions of the Student Body through the OSC; and (3) to make recommendations and give reports to the Board of Governors (BOG) with respect to matters of student life. The Directors shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the President, Vice President or the BOG, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President and the Vice President. The Directors may create subcommittees as they see fit from time to time with approval of the SBA President.

6. Director of Technology. The Director of Technology shall be responsible for working closely with the computer services staff at the law school to develop and maintain the most effective user friendly information and technology systems at SULLS. The Director shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the President, Vice President, the Treasurer or the BOG, and shall perform all duties necessary to assist the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer. The Director may create an ad hoc Technology Committee with approval of the SBA President.

7. Liaison to the Massachusetts Bar Association- This liaison shall apprise the Board of Governors and/or student body where appropriate, of upcoming events, opportunities, and law student membership of The Massachusetts Bar Association. This Liaison shall work with the BBA Liaison and the ABA/LSD Liaison.

8. Liaison to the Boston Bar Association. This liaison shall apprise the Board of Governors and/or student body where appropriate, of upcoming events, opportunities, and law student membership of The Boston Bar Association. This Liaison shall work with the MBA Liaison and the ABA/LSD Liaison.

9. Chief Justice (Parliamentarian). The Chief Justice shall advise the BOG and the Executive Committee on constitutional issues, matters of parliamentary procedure, and other issues of legal interpretation. The Chief Justice shall chair the Grievance Committee and shall consider all appropriate grievances submitted to the BOG or the Executive Committee

form within the BOG or the student body, and shall make a recommendation to the BOG as to their disposition in a timely manner but not later than the next scheduled BOG meeting.

B. Executive Committee Voting Members

1. President of the ABA/LSD Chapter. The ABA/LSD President is a voting member of the BOG. The ABA/LSD President is responsible for administering various competitions sponsored by the national ABA. He or she may establish such subcommittees as he/she shall deem appropriate to carry out these duties efficiently and effectively.

2. Honor Board Liaison. The HBL is a voting member of the BOG. The HBL shall represent the Honor Boards on the BOG. The HBL will report on the BOG to the Honor Boards. The HBL will be the communication link between the SBA and the Honor Boards. The HBL will utilize the BOG to provide Honor Board information to all students.

3. Council of Presidents Liaison. The COP Liaison is a voting member of the BOG. The COP Liaison will represent all SBA Organization Presidents to the BOG. The COP Liaison will be responsible for holding two meetings of the COP per semester. The COP Liaison will hold one Club/Organization fair each semester.

4. The Graduation Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson shall budget and plan events for graduating law students. The Chairperson shall arrange for a vote of the graduating law students for their choice of student commencement speaker. The Chair may establish such subcommittees as he or she deems necessary to carry out these duties efficiently and effectively.

4. First Year At-Large Liaison - The First Year At-Large Liaison is appointed by at least four (4) of the six (6) 1L section representatives. The SBA President will serve as a tie-breaker (if necessary). The First Year At-Large Liaison must be either a first year evening or day student. The duties of this position will include serving as a liaison between executive board and the respective section representatives; ensuring that the section representatives are held accountable for their duties; meeting with the section representatives on at least a monthly basis to organize events, finances, and any other matters; meeting with the executive board to obtain information about financing, event planning, election and meeting procedures and to convey this information to the section representatives in a clear and comprehensive manner. The liaison will be responsible for bringing any questions the section representatives have to the executive board and from the executive board to the representatives. The liaison will also serve to report on the activities of the section representatives on a monthly basis to the executive board. In the event a section representative does not return after a semester, the liaison will fill that

person's position until new elections are held. The First Year At-Large Liaison's term runs in conjunction with that of the SBA President.

Article V. Election Procedures and Terms and Appointments

1. The President, Vice President and Class Representatives shall be elected by the appropriate membership of the SBA according to rules and procedures promulgated by this Constitution and the Secretary, as Chair of the elections committee. In order to have his/her name on the ballot a candidate must submit to the Election Committee, at the time and place specified by the Election Committee, a petition for candidacy. Candidates for President/Vice President must submit a joint petition of 200 valid signatures of any student. Candidates for Class Representative must submit a petition of 25 valid signatures of any student.

A. President/Vice President- The President/Vice President shall be elected by the student body as a whole and shall serve annual terms from April to April of each year. Of the two officers, one shall be a day division student and one an evening division student. Both shall have completed one year of law school in good standing and both shall be able to serve for their entire term. The President/Vice President shall not be elected individually, but shall be elected in slates consisting of a candidate for each office.

B. Class Representatives- Elections for class Representatives will be held at the beginning of each school year for terms beginning October 1 and running through September 30 of the following year.

C. HBL Liaison will be selected or voted upon by the Honor Board Presidents/Editors-in-Chief with input from the SBA President/Vice President with final approval of the BOG for a term running from April to the following April concurrent with the President/Vice President/Executive Board terms.

D. COP Liaison will be selected or voted upon by the COP with input from the SBA President/Vice President with final approval of the BOG for a term running from April to the following April concurrent with the President/Vice President/Executive Board Terms.

E. The President of the Suffolk Chapter of the American Bar Association/Law Student Division (ABA/LSD) is nominated by the SBA President/Vice President with final approval of the BOG for a term running from April to the following April concurrent with the President/Vice President/Executive Board Terms.

F. The Chief Justice shall be elected by the BOG at the last regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the calendar year according to the rules promulgated by the Secretary as chair of the elections committee. Any student in good standing is eligible to become Chief Justice.

G. The Vice-President of the SBA shall serve as chairman of the graduation committee. The Vice-President's appointment to graduation chair will automatically take effect at the beginning of the spring term. Third year day and fourth year evening SBA representatives will be automatically appointed as co-chairs of the graduation committee. The graduation chair may appoint any member he/she sees fit to serve as a regular member of the graduation committee.

H. Executive Committee (not including the COP and Honor Board Liaisons) positions are chosen by the incoming President and Vice President. All positions are chosen through an application and interview process open to all students. Selected students are then nominated by the SBA President/Vice President with final approval of the BOG for a term running from April to the following April concurrent with the President/Vice President/Executive Board Terms. All day and evening students in good standing shall be considered. Elected Representatives shall not serve on the Executive Council. Elected Representatives shall not serve on the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Associate Director positions.

2. Runoffs. A majority vote is required for election to any office. In any election in which the candidate fails to achieve a majority of the vote, a runoff election will be held. A majority shall consist of a simple majority of all votes cast.

3. Vacancies. Should any BOG or Executive Committee position become vacant during the term, a replacement may be appointed by the President and Vice President subject to ratification by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Governors. Should the Position of President become vacant the Vice President shall accede to that office. The Chief Justice shall act as Vice President until that position is filled by the new President with approval of the BOG. Should the position of Vice President become vacant the Chief Justice shall act as Vice President until the position is filled by the President with the approval of the BOG.

4. All members are eligible for reappointment or reelection.

Article VI. Budget Procedures

1. The SBA Fiscal Year shall run from September 30-October 1.

2. The annual budget and any supplementary expenditures shall be approved by two-thirds majority.

3. No Organization shall spend funds in excess of its total budgetary allotment without the approval of the BOG as defined herein. The annual budget shall establish expenses that do not exceed the total of anticipated revenues. Annual Budget Surplus will be

appropriated in a manner decided upon by the SBA. Changes to the appropriation of Budget Surplus will require a two-thirds majority vote.

4. The BOG shall approve funds to have an independent third party review of SBA finances performed by a certified public accountant when in cooperation with and when required by the University Administration, and shall report these results to the student body in a timely manner.

5. The SBA Appropriations Committee shall run audits quarterly, of which the results should be reported The Dean of Students and the SBA Faculty advisor within two weeks.

A. The fiscal year quarters are October-December, January-March, April-June, July-September.

B. Any Suffolk Law Community member will have access to these reports upon request.

6. Budget Requests

A. The President and Vice President shall submit to the BOG requests for budgets for each of the Executive Committee activities.

B. Any organization that wishes to be recognized and funded by the SBA must submit a budget request to the BOG in such form and under such procedures as the BOG shall establish from time to time.

7. Supplemental Funding

A. Any organization that wishes to receive further funding from the SBA must demonstrate the following standard practices:

(1) Minutes Transcripts of each and every official organizational meetings be promulgated to its members.

(2) The first official organizational meeting at the beginning of every academic school year be held no earlier than five' o'clock post meridiem (P.M.), thereafter all organizations should schedule meetings according to its members' interests.

(3) It is understood that event(s) planning is/are within each organization's discretion, but a reasonable attentiveness to include the whole student body, Day and Evening, be displayed within the course of each academic school year.

B. The BOG reserves the right to review organizations' practices after approval of the annual operating budget and will take any measures appropriate the ensuing academic year to facilitate fair standard practices.

8. Accounting

A. The Treasurer shall maintain the SBA's financial records, and provide financial reports to the BOG.

B. The Treasurer shall not distribute funds where such disbursement will exceed the budgetary allotment, as amended by the BOG of the affected organization or committee. The Treasurer shall not pay or reimburse for Massachusetts State Sales Tax in cases where it should be assessed because of Suffolk University's tax status.

C. The Accounts shall be submitted for annual review by a certified public accountant when possible in collaboration with University Audits. The accountant shall not be a SULLS student or Suffolk University Employee.

D. Checks over \$5000 must be signed by the Dean of Students, The Treasurer and the President.

9. The BOG and the SBA Treasurer are required to keep a minimum of five percent of the total annual fee revenues in a contingency line item at all times. Funds from the contingency line item may only be budgeted or spent when approved by a unanimous vote of the entire sitting membership of the BOG at a regularly scheduled meeting, or a special meeting as called by the President upon extenuating circumstances.

10. An additional \$3000 will be granted to First Year Representatives for use it on a first year event or events that include both day and evening students.

Article VII. Meetings, Quorums and Votes

1. The BOG shall meet no less than once a month during the academic year. All official meetings shall be publicized by appropriate means reasonably calculated to notify all BOG and Executive Committee members.

2. Meetings shall be scheduled at times and places that are reasonably convenient to a majority of members of the BOG.

3. A voting member may give a proxy to another BOG member as long as the absent member is deemed excused. Said Proxy shall be in writing and remain effective for all votes at the meeting at which the proxying member is not present, or until they arrive. No member may act on behalf of more than one other member.

4. Two-thirds of voting members of the Board of Governors must be present or officially proxied for a Board of Governors meeting to commence.

5. To calculate majorities, only those members present or proxied, who vote yea or nay, shall be counted. Abstentions shall not be counted in the tally of votes.

A. The following shall require two-thirds majority

(1) To approve or amend the budget

(2) To amend the by laws

(3) To approve members of the Executive Committee

(4) To elect the Chief Justice

(5) To elect replacements for vacant positions

(6) To remove BOG or Executive Members from office

B. Amendments to the Constitution shall require three-quarters majority of the BOG and approval of the Dean of Suffolk University Law School.

(1) All proposed amendments are required to be submitted in writing to the BOG and the student body at least 30 days before the BOG votes on the amendment, excluding emergency budgetary matters.

(2) All amendments will take effect no sooner than 30 days after approval by the BOG.

(3) The post amendment 30 day waiting period may be waived by a separate three-fourths vote of the BOG.

C. All other decisions may be decided by majority vote.

6. On procedural Questions not governed by this Constitution, BOG meetings shall be governed by the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order. Recognizing the necessarily limited time available for BOG meetings, it is intended that these rules be applied with reason and flexibility rather than with punctilious precision. Applications of these rules may be waived at the start of the meeting by a simple majority of those voting members present upon motion of any such member. Reinstitution of the rules shall be approved by a simple majority.

7. Wherever in this Constitution where agreement of the President and Vice President is required and such agreement does not exist, The President or the Vice President may

petition the BOG on the matter. A two-thirds vote of the BOG is required to approve any such matters in favor of the petitioner.

ARTICLE VIII. Disciplinary Procedures

1. Any Organization member may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the BOG following due process.

2. The following procedures shall be followed to remove any member:

A. Charges against a member shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Justice as chair of the Grievance Committee.

(1) The Grievance Committee shall be selected by the Chief Justice when necessary and shall consist of one BOG member, one Executive Committee member and one student from outside the organization.

B. The Grievance Committee shall consider the charges and make a written recommendation to the BOG as to their disposition.

C. The BOG, on a majority vote, shall rule on the Committee's Recommendation. Should the BOG decide to pursue expulsion proceedings, it shall fix a time and place for the proceedings.

D. The Secretary (or President if the Secretary is the Subject) shall notify members in writing, of the time and place of the meeting and include a copy of the charges and the Grievance Committee's report.

E. The member shall appear before the BOG at the time and place designated to show cause why he or she should not be expelled. Failure to appear shall result in automatic removal.

2. The President, with the agreement of the Vice President, may suspend an appointed member of the Executive Committee, and assume that officer's duties or appoint an interim replacement, pending impeachment proceedings.

3. Each member of the BOG and The Executive Committee, including the President and Vice President, shall be in good academic standing at the time of his or her election, and shall maintain good academic standing during his or her term of office. Failure to maintain good academic standing, as defined by the law school, shall be grounds for automatic removal from office.

Article IX. Student Organizations

1. There shall be a Council of Presidents, composed of the presidents of all SBA-approved organizations. The President of the SBA shall be an ex-officio member of the

Council of Presidents. The Council shall meet at least twice each semester. Members of the Executive Council shall make every effort to attend these meetings.

A. The COP shall have the authority to grant official recognition to student organizations seeking official status at SULS, through the COP Liaison and under such procedures as the Bylaws shall dictate or the BOG shall promulgate from time to time. The COP shall not deny recognition to any organization that meets the following requirements:

(1) Have no less than ten members

(2) Constitution and Mission statement not inconsistent with the Constitution of the SBA

(3) Compliance with Article XI of this Constitution

B. The BOG may overturn a COP decision with three-fourths majority.

Article X. Constitution and By-Laws

1. The Constitution establishes the structure and function of the SBA. It is superior to and supersedes all others documents of governance. All actions taken by the BOG, officers, committees or other representatives of the SBA shall be in compliance with the Constitution. The Constitution may be amended only by a three-quarter vote of the BOG, notice to the faculty advisor, and approval of the Dean of Students.

2. The Bylaws exist to provide more detailed rules of operation and function. The SBA Bylaws, as amended from time to time, shall govern in all situations where the Constitution is silent. Bylaws may be established or amended by a two-thirds vote of the BOG.

Article XI. Non-Discrimination

1. The Student Bar Association shall not deny any student the right to become a full member, or to hold office, on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, or marital status.

Article XII. Ratification and Adoption

This Constitution shall become effective only after:

1. Ratification by a majority vote of the student body.

2. Approval by the Dean of Suffolk University Law School.

3. Repealing or replacing this Constitution shall be classified as Amending and shall be subject to the same amendment provisions provided under Article VII 5(B).

4. This Constitution shall not be amended for 90 days following final passage.