

# **THE MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS**

The Students of Morgan State University have certain inalienable rights, as human beings and citizens of the United States, that must be secured to foster an environment that is conducive to success in the academic community, the pursuit of academic TRUTH, and to the pursuit of social and political JUSTICE, as well as the PRESERVATION of African-American people and their culture throughout the world. We, the students of Morgan State University, declare these inalienable rights to be.

## **I. Freedom of Expression**

Students shall be free to take exception with the opinions presented in any course of study and/or reserve personal and public expression on controversial matters.

## **II. Protection Against Improper Academic Evaluation**

Students shall be protected against biased, improper evaluation by faculty and staff that is not in keeping with the standards established in particular courses of study.

## **III. Right of Confidentiality**

Information concerning a student's personal beliefs and political associations acquired by faculty and staff in the course of academic study shall be considered confidential and may be disclosed only with the prior consent of the student.

## **IV. Freedom of Association**

Students shall be free to establish and join student organizations to promote their common interests and goals.

- A. The membership, operational procedures, and actions of student organizations shall be determined only by those students of the Morgan State University Community.
- B. Each Organization shall be free to choose its own advisor.

- C. Students and student organizations shall be free to investigate and discuss all issues of interest to them, as well as to express their opinions publicly and privately. They shall be free to support issues of concern to them by orderly means, that do not disrupt normal University activities.

#### **V. Freedom of the Press**

- A. Students and the student press shall be free of censorship, prior approval of material by staff advisors, and free to determine their own editorial and news coverage policies within the confines of responsible journalism.
- B. Editors, managers, and directors of the student media shall be protected against removal from their respective positions, or from Morgan State University as a result of administrative, faculty, and student disapproval regarding editorial policy or content.
- C. The student media shall have free access to public functions of Morgan State University, using the discretion of the editors, directors, and managers of the respective media components to process and report information concerning these functions.

#### **VI. Right to Vote**

All undergraduate students shall have the right to vote in all general student elections, provided that they present valid student identification.

# **The Constitution of The Student Government Association of Morgan State University**

## **THE PREAMBLE**

Whereas, historically African-American colleges and universities have nurtured individuals to assume leadership in their communities, it is necessary in these rapidly changing times for this tradition to be reaffirmed.

Whereas, African-American colleges and universities throughout this nation face the threat of their demise in view of mergers, closures, inadequate funding, fraud, and discrimination, the need for concerted student action and representation is most acute.

Whereas, the students of Morgan State University recognize that there exists an acute need to develop and maintain a core of dynamic, young leadership as an absolute necessity for the collective advancement of African-American students, in particular, and mankind, in general.

Be it resolved, that the students of Morgan State university constitute the Student Government Association to provide a vehicle whereby leadership skills can be exercised through practical application in order to regulate student affairs, to advance and support the general welfare of the student body; to promote harmony between students, administrator, faculty, staff, and alumni; to ensure meaningful student participation in total governance of the University and to reinforce the academic mission of Morgan State University.

And be it resolved, that this document serves as the law under which the Student Government Association is bound. In instances not covered by this document, the Student Senate shall legislate the necessary amendments:

## **The Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I**

SECTION A: The student governing body of Morgan State University shall be known as the Student Government Association.

- SECTION B. 1. All full-time undergraduate students who have officially registered at the University shall be members of the Student Government Association.
2. If, by the discretion of the ruling Senate, alumni, faculty and staff of Morgan State University and families of Student Government Association employees, may obtain associate membership in the Student Government Association by a fee prescribed by the Student Government Association Senate. Associate membership will entitle the member to

participate in all services and activities and/or any other benefits that the Senate may prescribe. In no instance or occasion, may associate members have the right to vote in the Student Government Association, in any of its organizations or in committees, and will serve in no capacity in any subdivision of Student Government Association in which they could determine use of Student Government Association funds.

- SECTION C: 1. The Student Government Association is the supreme governing body for the student body of Morgan State University, responsible for student opinion to the Regents, Administration, Alumni, Faculty and Staff.
2. The Student Government Association shall be comprised of three branches: The Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The responsibilities of each branch, enumerated in the Constitution and By-Laws, shall serve as a check and balance on the other branches.

## ARTICLE II

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION A: **DUTIES:** - The executive powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the President and Vice-President of the Student Government who shall be the elected representatives of the entire student body.

1. These individuals shall be the official liaison between the student body, the administration, the faculty, and the community.
2. These individuals have direct responsibility to coordinate the Student Government in the best interest of and for the general welfare of the student body.

SECTION B: **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT** - The President of the Student Government shall be empowered to make recommendations to the Student Senate for its consideration of such matters as that individual shall deem necessary. That individual:

1. Shall require the opinion, written or oral, of the Executive Board of the Student Government upon any subject which may affect the general student body;
2. Shall be required to report to the Student Senate on the seventh week of both regular academic semesters, a comprehensive report on the state of the Student Government;

3. Shall in person or by designee serve on major faculty committees;
4. Shall from time to time call general student body meetings to relay information directly to the student body;
5. When necessary, shall have the power to call the Student Senate to special session;
6. Shall take care to insure that this "Constitution of the Student Government Association of Morgan State University" is faithfully executed at all times;
7. Shall be ultimately responsible for the proper, ethical, moral, and efficient management of the Student Government Association in all instances;
8. Shall be empowered to fill vacancies of all appointed offices in the Student Government with confirmation of the Student Senate by a two-third's majority vote; the appointees must meet the academic average and credits necessary to hold class office for their classification;
9. Shall nominate, and with the advice and consent of two-third's of the Student Senate and appoint those officers that are deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Student Government.
10. Shall have veto power over all legislation passed by the Student Senate within ten Morgan State University school days; and
11. Shall be required to confer with the Vice-President in making all decisions that pertain to the Student Government Association.

**SECTION C: PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:** The President, Vice-President, all members of the Executive Board, and the remaining elected officials may be removed from office by impeachment for neglect of duty unethical behaviors that result in formal removal from the University. Proceeding of impeachment shall be conducted by the Student Senate with the President of the Students Senate presiding. Wherein the Vice-President is under impeachment proceeding, the President Pro-Tempore shall preside over impeachment proceedings.

1. Impeachment charges must be presented to a Student Senator of the respective class of the complainant at least one week before regular session of the student Senate.
2. Impeachment shall be defined as the presentation of formal charges to the Student Senate against officials accused of the acts of malfeasance

as defined above.

3. Upon presentation of formal impeachment charges, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate shall set a time for an impeachment session, formally order the accused, in writing to appear before the impeachment session, forward to that (those) individual(s) the impeachment charges, and to publicize the proceedings.
4. The impeachment session date must be convened between five and ten school days of the initial presentation of charges.
5. At the impeachment session, the Student Senate will hear testimony and evidence pertaining to the charges.
6. If the Student Senate finds the evidence supporting the charges to be substantial by a two-third's majority vote, an impeachment trials shall be set by the Chief Justice of the Student Court within five to ten days of the impeachment session.
7. The impeachment trial shall be adjudicated by the Student Court.
8. In the event that the above procedure is not followed, the charges will be dismissed.

SECTION D: **SUCCESSION OF OFFICE:** The Student Senate shall by legislative act fix the order of succession to the Presidency. The order of succession to the Presidency shall be as follows:

1. Vice-President
2. Any further succession shall be decided by a special session of the Student Senate.

SECTION E: **DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice-President, Comptroller, Business Manager, Chief Justice, Director of the Umoja Council, Health Awareness, Center Director, Research Director, Student Representatives, Student Regent, The Student Yearbook and The Spokesman Editors, Presidents of the four respective classes and Mr. & Miss Morgan (non voting members). All appointees to the Executive Board positions must achieve a minimum 2.5 G.P.A., and the positions of class officers.

1. The Student Government Vice President shall be the President of the Student Senate and impartially preside at its sessions. That individual shall cast the decisive vote in cases in which there is a tie vote. That

individual shall also work closely with the President in coordinating the functions of the Student Government association and through the Senate, keep abreast of the workings of each department. That individual shall function as second in command of the Executive Branch of the student Government.

2. The Comptroller shall be the principal finance officer of the Student Government. He/she shall be charged with the responsibility of keeping up-to-date records on the budget. He/she shall prepare reports concerning the budget as expressed by the executive office and/or the Student Senate. He/she shall also be responsible for requesting the disbursement or intake of funds. The Student Government Association President or his designee shall sign all financial documents emanating from the Student Government Association.
3. The Business Manager shall be responsible for investigating and researching all business transactions. He/she shall, upon request of the executive office and/or Student senate, prepare outline objectives for the necessary function. The Business Manager shall review all contracts, but shall have no authority to enter into a contract unless confirmed by either the President or Vice-President of the student Government. He/she must have at least one assistant and a course load which allots adequate time for both academics and the office. He/she shall see to it that all contractors understand the procedure for them to receive their compensation (signed contract, invoice, etc.). He/she must make himself/herself or their assistant readily available to the Student Body and Administration. He/she must serve as an apprentice to the comptroller (to get acquainted with procedures).
4. The Communication Director shall be responsible for the direction on coordination of communications in the best interest of the student body. The communication Director shall have a mandatory committee of no less than 12 persons.
5. The Research Director shall be responsible for the direction of a research team which shall conduct research concerning student issues and the gathering and processing of needed information in relation to grievances, issues, and concerns of the entire student body.
6. The Health Awareness Center Director shall be charged with the responsibility to direct and coordinate the Health Awareness Center in the best interest of the student body. He/she shall be charged with the responsibility of providing the student body with health-related programs throughout the year.

7. The Umoja Council Director shall act as the chairperson of the student Government Association Programming Board. The chairperson with the assistance of the President of Student Government Association shall be responsible for appointing the members of the Programming Board. The Programming Board consist of these components as follows: Freshman Orientation, Lecture Series, Jazz Series, Black History Month, Talent Show, I Love Morgan Day, I Love Morgan Day Concert, Homecoming, Homecoming Concert, Special Events Coordinating and Awards Dinner. The Programming Board shall be responsible for the coordination of all Student Government Association sponsored events.
8. The Editor of the Spokesman Newspaper shall be nominated by the staff to The Spokesman and confirmed by a two third's vote of the Senate. In the event that an editor is not nominated by the staff, then the appointment of the Editor shall be left to the discretion of the President of the student Government Association. The Editor shall be responsible for ensuring the best coordination and organization of the student newspaper in the best interest of and for the general welfare of the student body. A faculty member appointed by the Faculty Senate shall serve as advisor.
9. The Editor-in Chief of the Promethean Yearbook shall be nominated by the Promethean staff and confirmed by a two-third's vote of the Senate. The Editor shall be responsible for the coordination organization, and production of the best yearbook possible, and in the best interest of the student body. A faculty member appointed by the Faculty Senate shall serve as advisor.
10. The above stated officers with the exception of the Vice-President, class officers, Editor of The Spokesman newspaper, and Editor of the Yearbook, shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association. The Editor of the Newspaper and the Editor of the Yearbook shall be elected by the staff of each respectively and subject to final confirmation by a two-third's vote in student Senate. The class officers shall be elected by a majority vote of their respective class members.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

SECTION A: All legislative powers of the Student Government shall be vested in the Student Senate.

SECTION B: The Student Senate shall meet at least once a week, or when called to do so by the President of the Senate or by the President, or by the President of the Student Government.

SECTION C: Other individuals may appear before the Senate upon acknowledgement by the President of the Senate, or majority vote of the Student Senate

SECTION D: The Student Senate shall have the power to enact legislation in the best interest of the Student Government and the general welfare of the student body. In addition, in the best interest the Senate shall have the power to:

1. Confirm the nomination of all appointed officials of the Student Court and the Executive Branch by a two-third's majority vote by the Senate.
2. Enact legislation which, in its estimation, shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing powers and all powers vested in the Senate by the Constitution of the Student Government. The President of the Student shall have veto power over all Senate legislation. A two-third's vote the Student Senate may nullify a Presidential Veto.
3. The President of the Student Government and the Comptroller are required to submit the budget of the Student Government to the Student Senate for review and approval on the first day of classes. This budget shall be reviewed by the second academic week of the fall semester.
4. The newly elected President and Vice-President with the assistance of the incumbent administration shall devise a temporary budget to govern summer and early fall events and submit it to the Senate.

SECTION E: Composition

1. The Student Senate shall be comprised of as many as thirteen (13) members:
  - a. One (1) President who is Vice-President of the Student Government.
  - b. Three (3) Senators duly elected or appointed from each class.

2. The President of the Student Senate shall be the Vice-President of Student Government. That individual:
  - a. Shall have the power to appoint special committees upon approval of the Senate,
  - b. May from time to time require reports of officers and committee chairpersons relative to their respective areas of responsibility,
  - c. Shall have the authority to set the agenda items, and
  - d. Shall have the power to discipline Senators with the Parliamentarian's recommendation.
3. The Secretary of the Student Senate shall be responsible for keeping all record and minutes of the Student Senate. That individual:
  - a. Shall be the administrative assistant to the President and shall assist the President in coordinating activities and functions of the Student senate, and
  - b. Shall assist in conducting the Business of the Senate according to the By-Laws of the Student Senate.

#### SECTION F: Committees of the Senate

1. The standing committees of the Senate are directly responsible to the President of the Student Senate.

The Standing Committees shall be:

  - a. Committee on Educational Affairs
  - b. Committee on Student Government Operations
  - c. Committee on student Life
  - d. Committee on Rules and Judiciary Proceedings
  - e. Finance Committee
2. The functions of said Committees are defined by the By-Laws of the Student Senate. Functions of standing committees, academic affairs, student life election, housing and finance.

a. Committee on Academic Affairs and Conduct

1. Membership

The Chair of the Academic Affairs and Conduct Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate with two-third's approval of the Senate. Additionally, the President of the Senate and at least two (2) Senators shall serve on the committee.

2. Duties

The duties and powers of the Academic Affairs and Conduct Committee are as follows:

- a. To serve as a communication liaison between the University's student body and the Division of Academic Affairs
- b. To make certain that the student body's academic environment is satisfactory,
- c. To establish a mechanism to investigate any student complaints of academic infractions, and
- d. To hold bi-weekly meetings in relation to the committee.

b. Committee on Student Life

Membership

The Chair of the Committee on shall be appointed by the President of the Senate with two-third's majority vote by the Senate. Additionally, at least three (3) Senators shall serve on the committee.

- a. To make certain that the environment for students living on campus is satisfactory.
- b. To attend any Housing and Commuter Council Meetings and report back to the Senate, and
- c. To hold bi-weekly meetings in relation to committee Business.

C. Elections and Training Committee

1. Membership

The Chair of the Elections and Training Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, with two-third's majority approval by Senate. Additionally, at least three (3) Senators shall serve the committee. The President of the Executive Board shall serve as an ex-officio consultant.

## 2. Duties

The duties and powers of the Elections and Training Committee shall be:

- a. To establish the election schedule by the end of fall term.
- b. To establish election guidelines and conduct all elections of the Student Association, and
- c. To conduct training and development of all Student Government Association officials in the areas of committee work, drafting legislation, parliamentary procedure,, college structure and officers, and other training sessions.

## SECTION G: Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate

The duties and objectives of the Senate are to maintain contact with their constituents, enabling them to give and receive information and advisement on issues concerning the student body and bolster student empowerment by:

- A. Acting as a liaison between the Student Government Association as a whole and the class that elected them.
- B. Enacting legislation and decisions in the best interest of and for the Student government Association and the student body as whole, and
- C. Meeting at least one per week or whenever summoned to do so by the President of the Senate to address issues concerning the student body.
- D. The Senate is responsible for receiving the student Government Association's budget to govern summer and early fall events, which shall be submitted to the Senate for approval.

SECTION H: Senate Election, Term of Office, Filling Vacancies, and Requirements for Membership

1. All Senators shall be duly elected by their respective classmates or duly appointed by the President of said class with two-third's confirmation of the Executive Board of said class.
2. All members of the Senate shall hold office until the end of the school year for which they are elected or appointed subject to their being in good academic standing and carrying out their office satisfactorily.
3. When vacancies in the Senate occur, the President of the class in which the vacancy occurs shall nominate a new Senator with the confirmation of two-third's vote of the Executive Board of said class.
4. No person shall become a member or remain a member of the Senate who possesses less than a cumulative 2.5 average or who is not certified by the Office of Records and Registration for advanced classification in the following semester. Any person who has been disciplined more than once by the Student Court and/or the Council on the Student Conduct is neither eligible for membership in the Student Senate nor eligible to maintain office.

SECTION I: The Student Senate shall be exempted from being summoned to the Student Court as a collective body.

SECTION J: The student Senate shall have the power to issue a summons for investigation purposes. A majority vote of the Student Senate shall determine the issuance of a formal request for an appearance before the Senate. Violation of a senatorial request shall result in contempt of the Senate and shall be taken to the Student Court.

**ARTICLE IV**

**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

SECTION A: The Judiciary power of the Student Government shall be vested in the Student Court.

SECTION B: Officers

The Student Court shall have one Chief Justice, six Associate Judges, one clerk, one persecutor, and one Public Defender. The Chief Justice must have a minimum average of 2.50 and at least 64 credit hours. All other officers must have at least a 2.50 and meet the credit hour requirements for

their classification to maintain the position of officer.

### Jurisdiction

The Court shall be known as the Student Court. It shall be the Supreme Student Tribunal. The Student Court has jurisdiction on cases which are not specifically provided for in this article and all those cases involving Morgan students, if requested. It shall adjudicate an impeachment trial of the President and/or Vice-President of the Student Government.

## SECTION C: Duties of the Chief Justice and Court

The Chief Justice shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government with two-third's confirmation of the student Senate.

### Duties of the Chief Justice

1. The Chief Justice shall direct the Student Court.
2. The Chief Justice shall officially set a timetable for the convening of the Court.
3. The Chief Justice shall preside over meetings with Court Officials.
4. The Chief Justice shall insure that the By-Laws of the Student Court are upheld.
5. The Chief Justice shall appoint the six Associate Judges who shall be confirmed by two-third's vote by Senate.

### Duties of Associate Justice

1. The Student Court shall be composed of six (6) judges.
2. The Associate Justice shall be appointed by the Chief Justice with two-third's approval of the Senate.
3. The Associate Justice shall perform all administrative and official duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

### Duties of Public Defender and Prosecutor

1. The Public Defender and Prosecutor shall be appointed by the Chief Justice and the six Associate Justice.
2. The Public Defender and Prosecutor shall forward to the Chief Justice and Student Senate a basic organizational plan for his/her department and the names of members of his/her department.
3. The Public Defender and Prosecutor as officer of the Court shall provide assistance to any party involved in a case pending before the Student Court, upon request of the Court.

Duties of Student Court

1. To provide an unbiased hearing for any and all cases involving a student at Morgan State University, charged with a violation of the student Code of Conduct:
2. To render decisions of guilt or innocence, and in findings of guilty, to recommend sanctions to the Vice-President of Student Affairs.
3. Decisions of the court shall be appealed to the Vice-President of student Affairs.
4. Chief Justice and/or Prosecutor and Public Defender shall be present with the administration at all inquired involving students.

**ARTICLE V**

**SECTION A: Election Procedures and Eligibility Requirements**

1. The election of the President, the Vice-President of the Student Government Association, and Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Shall be held in the month of March. Sophomore, Junior, and Senior student senate representatives, class officers, and class queens shall also be elected during the month of March. The Student Representative to the Board of Regents will also be selected at this time.
2. There shall be a Board of Election Supervisors to conduct the election of officers.
  - a. The election for the officers of the upcoming school year shall be conducted under the supervision of the senior class president and four (4) potential graduating seniors, presumably officers. The Board of Election Supervisor will consist of these five seniors. If not officers, the four (4) appointed seniors on the election committee must receive approval by the President of Student Government and a final waiver of authorization by the Director of Student Activities.
  - b. The Board of Election Supervisors shall be an impartial coordinator of election procedures, conduct them in compliance with the provisions of this Constitution, shall not in any way be connected with any candidates for office, and must not in any way assist in campaigning for any candidates for office.
  - c. The Board of Election Supervisors shall be responsible for the regulation and the determination of all election procedures in compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and the procedures of the University.

- d. This Board of Election Supervisors shall be responsible to assist in planning and carrying out the election process.
- e. The Board of Election Supervisors shall be formed during the month of February.
- f. All campaign materials shall be observed by the Board of Election Supervisors. Materials should not be placed in locations such as the Carter-Grant-Wilson Building and Truth Hall.
- g. The Board of Election Supervisors, in addition to planning elections procedures, shall be responsible for maintaining the various voting machines, ballot boxes, and tabulating the results of the elections.
- h. The Board of Election Supervisors is responsible for identifying and prosecuting infractions of election rules and regulations.
- i. The Director of Student Activities shall work in conjunction with the Board of Elections Supervisors to oversee all student elections.
- j. The candidates for the Presidency and vice-Presidency of the Student Government, along with Mr. & Miss Morgan, shall be certified as juniors or seniors for the following Fall semester and will have in their possession no less than 60 credits at the time of application for the position.
- k. The candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Student Government, along with Miss Morgan, Mr. Morgan and Senators, must have a cumulative 2.50 grade point average for office. If a candidate has less than a cumulative 2.50 at the time of application for the position, he/she will not be eligible to run for designated position. No exceptions will be considered.
- l. In case of a transfer student who seeks the office of President, Vice-President, Miss Morgan, or Mr. Morgan, he/she must have matriculated at Morgan for two consecutive semesters prior to the semester in which the election is held and have no less than 24 credits at Morgan at the time of application, no less than a cumulative 2.60 grade point average at Morgan and the required hours.
- m. The candidates for class officers other than freshman class must be pursuing the equivalent credits that will make him/her eligible for the office for which he/she is running at the end of the semester of candidacy.

- n. The candidates for class offices other than freshman class shall have at the time of application a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- o. In the case of a transfer student, he/she must have matriculated at Morgan the semester prior to the semester in which the election is held and have successfully completed no less than 12 credits at Morgan and with no less than cumulative 2.5 grade point average at Morgan at the time of application, and the required hours for the class office which he/she seeks.
- p. Summer school credits following the semester of candidacy will not be counted.
- q. If, by the end of the semester of candidacy, an elected candidate for any office does not have the required credits, he/she will be required to relinquish his/her position to the next highest runner-up who is qualified for the office.
- r. The Vice-President for Student Affairs verifies the academic average and credits to meet the candidacy requirements. All petitions and final actions regarding the election are determined by the Board of Election Supervisors.
- s. An orientation process shall begin as early as week after election but no later than the new administration's inauguration in April. The orientation period is for the newly elected president, Vice-President, and Mr. & Miss Morgan. The newly elected officers shall be in office officially on the last Friday in April.
- t. No potential candidate for any elected office, nor any member of the President's Executive Board shall be able to participate in any organization's pledge program during the duration of their Student Government affiliation.

#### SECTION B: Freshman Elections

Freshman Elections shall be held during the fall semester by the third Tuesday after the day that classes officially begin for Morgan State University, and shall be conducted by a committee appointed by the President of the Student Senate, who is the Vice-President of Student Government Association in conjunction with the Director of Student Activities.

#### SECTION C: Mr. & Miss Morgan

Both shall be non-voting members of the Executive Board. In addition, both

shall be responsible for coordinating and carrying out at least one major community project each regular academic semester, which will benefit the Morgan Student Body and/or Baltimore City and serve as a reflection of the University's concern for the betterment of the community.

1. One of the projects will consist of instituting and maintaining a scholarship drive. The second project will be a major project of his/her choice.
2. Both will assist the President of the Student Government in hosting Student Officials from other colleges and universities.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS**

The following method shall be utilized for recommending a student for appointment to the Board of Regents of the University

1. The student candidates for the Morgan State University Board of Regents shall be undergraduate students.
2. The student candidates shall be enrolled full-time at the university.
3. The student candidates shall be in good standing at the University. Good standing is defined as a 2.5 cumulative average or better with no outstanding incomplete grade at the time of consideration.
4. The student candidates shall have successfully completed no less than 64 academic credits at the time of application. In the case of a transfer student, a minimum of two prior semesters must have been spent at Morgan State University as a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a minimum of 24 academic credits. All credits must have been successfully completed.
5. The student candidates shall be involved in an extra curricular organization or committee which is directly affiliated with the Student Government Association at Morgan State University.
6. The student candidate selected for the Morgan State University Board of Regents shall be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student during his or her tenure as a representative to the Board of Regents.
  - A. Special selection board will be formed to select the student representative. This board will be comprised of:
    1. the President of the Student Government;
    2. the Vice President of the Student Government;
    3. a senator from each of four classes; and
    4. the Vice President for Student Affairs.

- B. Each member of the board shall have one vote with the exception of the Vice President for Student Affairs who shall serve in the capacity as observer and mediator with no vote.
  - C. This board will review the resumes submitted and will check to make sure that all applications meet the requirements. This board will contact the applicants and set up personal interviews. In these interviews, it will noted how well the applicants are able to express themselves to the board. The board will vote on each applicant on a scale from one to four (excellent, good, fair, and poor) on the following characteristics (traits);
    - 1. appearance;
    - 2. extracurricular involvement;
    - 3. speech;
    - 4. academic average;
    - 5. general knowledge of the school structure; and
    - 6. perceptions on campus operations.
- A rating scale will be provided to each candidate.
- D. The numerical scores shall be totalled for each applicant and accordingly, the five applicants with te highest score shall be deemed the recommended student representative. The applicants shall be listed in a prioritized order by numerical score. In the case of a tie, applications will be re-evaluated until a final decision is cast. Accordingly, these names will be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
  - E. Every year the board shall be formed as it is deemed necessary before the close of the academic semester. The recommendation for the position shall follow within one week after the interviews and before final examinations for the semester.

### **STUDENT REGENT DUTIES**

- 1. The Student Regent shall serve as the student representative to the University Board of Regents.
- 2. The Student Regent shall attend all Board of Regents' meetings.
- 3. The Student Regent shall report all public matters of the Board of Regents to the Student Government Association and the Student Body.
- 4. The Student Regent shall be an active member of Student Government Association and the Student Government Association Executive Board.
- 5. The Student Regent shall be the chief liaison to the Board of Regents.

### **ARTICLE VII**

## **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION A: The Constitution may be amended when necessary by a two-third's vote of the student Senate and by approval of the University Board of Regents.

SECTION B: The president of the Senate shall be responsible for insuring that Constitutional Amendments are taken through the proper channels and approved by the Board of Regents of Morgan State University.