

Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Demosthenian Literary
Society

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Constitution of the

Demosthenian Literary Society

Effective March 2022

Preamble

Whereas it is necessary in order to fit ourselves for the varied duties of life, to cultivate a correct mode of speaking, and to qualify ourselves through practice to express our views in an effective manner; and whereas experience has abundantly proved that these ends can in no way be more speedily accomplished as by forming a Society for such a purpose; therefore, we the undersigned have organized a Society and have adopted for our government the following Constitution.

Article I: Name and Object of the Society

The name of the Society shall be the Demosthenian Literary Society of the University of Georgia. It shall be the object of the Society to promote the cause of science and truth by the cultivation of oratory and the art of debate at weekly meetings.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Classes of Members

A. Full-Voting Members

A full-voting member shall be anyone who has attended four consecutive meetings of the Society after admission. Full-voting members may vote on any issue before the Society including membership petitions, elections, and constitutional amendments. Voting on all issues before the Society shall be restricted to members on the current roll.

B. Alumni

A full-voting member who leaves the University of Georgia or leaves the Society shall be considered an alumnus or alumna member. Upon returning to the Society and becoming properly enrolled in the University again, any alumnus or alumna member may resume full-voting status upon a vote of three-fourths of the full-voting members present, provided there is a quorum present.

Alumni shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except those of voting, holding office, and being able to have keys to the Hall. When in the Hall they shall be subject to all rules and regulations that govern the members.

C. Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except voting on any issues before the Society, holding office, and having keys to the hall.

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership

A. Non-Discrimination

Any students registered at the University of Georgia shall be eligible for membership in the Society. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to race, color, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students as stated in the University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

B. Requirements

Any student registered at the University of Georgia may petition the Society for membership after 1) having participated in regular debate at least once, 2) having attended three meetings, two of which must be consecutive, 3) after passing a written membership test submitted to the Judicial Council before the meeting at which they will petition, and 4) having delivered a maiden address before the Society. The prospective member shall be admitted into the Society pending an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the full-voting members present, provided a quorum is present. The President shall deliver the Oath of Membership to all new members.

C. Continuing Membership

In order for a member to maintain their status, they must be enrolled in at least one course at the end of the Add-Drop period. Additionally, they must have met their financial obligations to the University of Georgia and the Society, including paying Society dues, University tuition, and the student activity fees. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the member's upgrade to Alumni status.

D. Honorary Membership Eligibility

One who possesses distinguished worth of character and such intellectual attainments as shall reflect honor upon the Society shall be eligible for honorary membership. All such proposals for honorary members must be submitted in writing to the Society, and must bear the signatures of at least three full-voting members. Honorary members shall be accepted into the Society by a three-fourths vote of members present provided a quorum of full-voting members. All persons chosen as honorary members shall be notified in writing of their honor by the Secretary.

Article III: Officers

Section 1. Officers

The offices of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Chief Justice, two Associate Justices, Treasurer, Hall Administrator and Hall Preservationist, Secretary, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Librarian, and Custodian. The officers shall rank in the order named.

A. President

The President is the chief officer of the Demosthenian Literary Society. The President shall preside over all meetings, assess fines, and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.

B. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be responsible for conducting the activities of committees.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a record of the proceedings of the Society.

D. Judicial Council

The Judicial Council shall be composed of three members, the Chief Justice and two Associate Justices. The Judicial Council shall judge all questions concerning the interpretation of the Constitution of the Society. Its decision shall be final in these questions unless overruled by a two-thirds vote of Society members present, provided a quorum is present.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Society.

F. Hall Administrator

The Hall Administrator shall be responsible for renting and maintaining the Hall.

G. Hall Preservationist

The Hall Preservationist shall be responsible for the preservation of the Hall and its furnishings.

H. Historian

The Historian shall be responsible for reporting on the Society's history and preserving Society records for posterity.

I. Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall prevent disruption in the Hall, eject unruly or boisterous members, visitors, and trespassers, assist in the voting by ball and vase, and assist in collection of fines and dues, if necessary. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, at the discretion of the Judicial Council, prosecute all impeachment trials.

J. Librarian

The Librarian shall have custody of the Society's manuscripts, catalog the Society's books, update the library database, and supervise the library.

K. Custodian

The Custodian shall maintain the beauty of the Hall and its furnishings by keeping it clean and neat.

Section 2. Eligibility

A. President

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected President provided they shall have been a member for three of the four semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least twenty-four speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key.

B. Vice-President

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Vice-President provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least twenty speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key.

C. Secretary

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Secretary provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least fifteen speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key.

D. Judicial Council

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected to the Judicial Council provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least fifteen speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key.

The Chief Justice shall be elected by the Society from the three Justices newly elected. The unsuccessful candidates for the position of Justice shall be returned to the Upper Chamber prior to the election of a Chief Justice.

E. Treasurer

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Treasurer provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least fifteen speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key. They shall be elected during the Spring Semester elections to serve the following year.

F. Hall Administrator

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Hall Administrator provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least fifteen speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key. They shall be elected during the Spring Semester elections to serve the following year.

G. Hall Preservationist

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Hall Preservationist provided they shall have been a member for two of the previous three semesters immediately prior to that semester in which they shall serve, and provided further, that they shall have earned at least eight twelve speaker's points toward a Speaker's Key. They shall be elected during the Spring Semester elections to serve the following year.

H. Historian

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Historian, provided they shall have been a member for one semester prior to the semester in which they shall serve. The Historian shall be elected during the Spring Semester elections to serve the following year.

I. Sergeant-at-Arms

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Sergeant-at-Arms provided they are a full-voting member of the Society.

J. Librarian

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Librarian provided they are a full-voting member of the Society.provided they are a full-voting member.

K. Custodian

Members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected Custodian provided they are a full-voting member of the Society.provided they are a full-voting member.

Section 3. Elections

A. Voting Procedures

A candidate who wins a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to the office. If no candidate wins a majority, the candidates who received the two highest vote totals shall compete in a runoff election to be held immediately after the results of the first election are announced. Absentee ballots shall be counted in runoffs if the votes still apply to the candidates running for office.

All contested elections shall be voted upon by ball and vase if two candidates are running, or by paper ballot if more than two are running. The voting for each office shall be limited to Full-Voting Members. The acting President, acting Vice-President, acting Secretary, and Justices who are not candidates for the office shall count the votes for all elections.

B. Nominations

Three weeks prior to elections, the Judicial Council shall post in the Lower Chamber a list of members eligible for each office. A member shall be considered eligible only if they are eligible when the list is read three weeks prior to elections. A member may withdraw from nominations and elections at any time.

Before the meeting two weeks prior to elections, the Judicial Council shall post an updated list of members eligible to be elected to each office in the Lower Chamber. Two weeks prior to elections, the Judicial Council shall distribute to each full-voting member present in the Upper Chamber an anonymous, paper ballot of members eligible for each office, as provided by the Judicial Council. Each member may nominate one person per office, except in the case of the Judicial Council where a member may nominate three. The ballots shall be submitted by a roll call vote and the Secretary shall note who has voted.

Prior to elections, if a member has been nominated but has chosen to withdraw from contention for a given office for that semester, any nominations for that member shall be null and void. The ballots shall be counted by the Judicial Council immediately following the close of nominations. The results shall be announced and posted in the Lower Chamber the following day.

Candidates may be nominated for multiple offices. Any member who receives at least two nominations for a given office shall be considered to be running for that office. In cases where no candidate is seeking an office at the time of the election, candidates shall be nominated at the time of elections for the office. At the time of the election but before

stump speeches for a given office have begun, eligible members may be nominated from the floor even if there are other candidates seeking the office, but this requires a majority affirmative vote of full-voting members.

The order of nominations shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Judicial Council, Chief Justice, Treasurer, Hall Administrator, Hall Preservationist, Historian, Librarian, Custodian, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

C. Stump Speeches and Debate

Candidates for elected offices are required to speak from the stump. Candidates shall have seven minutes to speak, the last two of which shall be open for questions. No candidate may be in the Upper Chamber while a candidate for the same office is giving a speech from the stump.

For each office, following candidate speeches for that office, the floor shall be open for member debate over the candidates. The lengths of these speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

D. Proxy Voting, Absentee Voting, Proxy Speakers

Proxy or absentee voting must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Society before the start of elections. Members voting by absentee must submit their votes in writing to the President before the start of the meeting. Members voting by proxy must designate in writing the member who shall act as their proxy. Members may only act as a proxy voter for two other members.

Members who are not present at the time of the election may not be elected to any office unless they have previously informed the President in writing of the offices to which they would accept nominations. They may then be nominated for only those offices that they so designated. Such members may select another member as a proxy speaker to give a speech on their behalf, but proxy speakers are not allowed the two minutes for questions.

Section 4. Term

A. Timing

The election of officers shall be held on the meeting before the last regular meeting of each Semester. New officers shall be inaugurated prior to adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. All officers shall continue in office until the inauguration of new officers.

B. Term Limits

All officers, save the Historian, the Hall Administrator, the Hall Preservationist, and the Treasurer, shall be elected for a term of one semester. Officers may run for re-election, but no person may hold the same office in the Society for more than two semesters, save that of Associate Justice, which may be held for a total of up to three semesters. No person may hold office on the Judicial Council for more than four semesters. Historians, Hall Administrators, Hall Preservationists and Treasurers shall be elected for a term of one year during Spring Semester elections.

C. Office Limits

No person shall hold two offices at the same time, save for the office of Historian, Librarian, and Custodian.

Section 5. Removal

A. Articles of Impeachment

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, upon written petition of one-third of the full- voting members of the Society, present Articles of Impeachment against any officer believed to be guilty of any serious offenses against the well-being of the Society. In the event that the Sergeant- at-Arms is subject to impeachment, the Judicial Council shall appoint a member of the Society to present Articles of Impeachment against the Sergeant- at-Arms.

B. Impeachment Trial

The Judicial Council shall preside over any hearing regarding impeachment. The Chief Justice shall have all the powers of the President for the duration of a trial. The Sergeant- at-Arms shall prosecute all impeachments at the discretion of the Judicial Council. In cases regarding the impeachment of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Judicial Council shall appoint someone to prosecute. Officers facing impeachment shall be notified in writing by the Judicial Council one week in advance of a hearing. All defendants shall have the ability to appoint someone to defend them. If they are unable to do so, the Judicial Council shall appoint an advocate for them.

No officer shall hold the powers and responsibilities of their office while on trial for impeachment.

C. Prosecution and Defense

During a trial for impeachment, the Sergeant-at-Arms or Judicial Council appointed member shall provide a prosecution of the officer in question. This prosecution shall be untimed, and the Sergeant-at-Arms may call witnesses for the purposes of providing statements or questioning. This shall be followed by a presentation of the defense, either selected by the defendant or by the Judicial Council. The defense shall be handled in the same fashion as a prosecution.

There shall be no debate, but rather a fifteen-minute recess following the presentation of the prosecution and the defense.

D. Voting

Impeached officers shall be removed from their office by a two-thirds vote of the full-voting members present. No action may be taken on a question of impeachment unless three-fourths of the full-voting members on the Society's roll book are present.

Section 6. Vacancy

A. Special Elections

In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the Faculty Advisor, the President shall announce a special election to be held one week thereafter.

During special elections, nominations shall be held immediately prior on the same evening.

Article IV: Faculty Advisor

Section 1. Selection

A. Eligibility

All faculty employed at the University of Georgia shall be eligible to be elected Faculty Advisor provided they have been employed by the University for at least one year and anticipate remaining employed by the University for at least one year.

B. Election

The Faculty Advisor, if running unopposed, shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of full-voting members, provided there is a quorum present. In a contested Faculty Advisor election, the candidate who wins a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to the office. The Faculty Advisor shall be elected in the Spring Semester, when necessary. The election procedure for the Faculty Advisor shall be the same as that for other elections, with the following provisions:

- i. On the 11th meeting of the Spring Semester, there shall be a vote of confidence to decide upon retention of the current Faculty Advisor, requiring a simple majority of full-voting members present. If this vote passes, there shall be no regular election for Faculty Advisor until the next Spring Semester.
- ii. Nominations for the position of Faculty Advisor shall be submitted by secret ballot on the 12th meeting.

iii. The Secretary shall notify the proper University officials of their nominations in writing.

iv. Those interested in the position shall address the Society during Special Elections on the 13th meeting.

v. The Secretary shall notify the newly elected Faculty Advisor of their election in writing.

vi. Those not elected shall be automatically eligible for honorary membership. The Secretary shall inform the proper University officials of their honorary membership in writing.

C. Vacancy

If the office of Faculty Advisor is vacant in the Fall Semester before the 10th meeting of such semester, the President may, with the consent of the Judicial Council, call for a special election to fill the office until such time as a regular election for Faculty Advisor shall be held.

Section 2. Duties

A. Guide and Mentor

The Faculty Advisor serves to guide and mentor the members of the Society, specifically Officers, and to make sure that the Society remains in accordance with University policies.

B. Faculty Advisor's Report

The Faculty Advisor should deliver a Faculty Advisor's Report annually and more often at the Faculty Advisor's discretion. The Faculty Advisor's report shall be untimed and shall be delivered as a Program.

C. Finance Committee

The Faculty Advisor shall serve as an ex officio member on the Finance Committee.

D. Rights and Privileges

The Faculty Advisor shall have all of the rights and privileges of a full-voting member, except for the right to vote on Society business. The Faculty Advisor will abstain from voting on matters of membership, elections, and during trials for impeachment and expulsion.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1. Time and Location

Meetings of the Society shall be held in the Upper Chamber of Demosthenian Hall on North Campus at 7:00 PM on Thursdays when class is in session during the Fall and Spring Semesters. In case of unforeseen circumstances, meetings may be held remotely.

Section 2. Quorum

Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all current members. Quorum shall be assumed unless proven otherwise.

Section 3. Rules of Order

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Society except in cases where it conflicts with the Constitution or Bylaws.

Article VI: Oaths and Traditions

Section 1. Oaths

A. Oath of Membership

The President shall read the Oath of Membership to newly admitted members. The Oath of Membership shall be as follows:

President: "It has been made known to you some of the laudable objects of this Society, and some of the duties which you will be called upon to perform; but, before entering upon the discharge of those duties, it becomes me, as the organ of this Society, to lay you under the most solemn obligations never to act in such a way that may prove detrimental to her interests or derogatory to her honor. Do you, desiring to cultivate a correct mode of speaking and to enjoy the fellowship of other students working towards the same ends, affirm that you will uphold the Constitution of the Demosthenian Literary Society?"

App. "I do."

B. Oath of the Officers

The President shall read the Oath of Officers and the Presidential Address to newly elected officers. The Oath of Officers shall be as follows:

President: "The time has come for me to transfer to you the powers and honors of the several offices to which you have been called by the voice of your associates and to exact from each of you a solemn pledge that you will be faithful to trust imposed. The positions which you are about to assume are full of grave responsibility. Upon you depend the good order and prestige of the Society, to you it belongs to support her dignity and execute her Laws; see to it that you enter upon your offices not with levity

and carelessness, but with a proper appreciation of the importance of the positions to which you have been assigned; and a firm resolve to perform faithfully every duty which your own conscience as well as the Constitution and Laws of the Society may enjoin. Do you solemnly affirm that you will execute your offices and to the best of your ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Society?" App. "I do."

The Presidential Address to Newly Elected Officers shall be as follows:

President: "Your Society has by its suffrages shown its confidence in you. Prove yourself worthy of that confidence and let no violation of the Constitution or neglect of duty be truthfully charged against you during your administration. In the name of this Society and by virtue of the authority in me vested, I commit you to this trust, conferring upon you the powers and privileges of your offices and imposing upon you the duties and responsibilities pertaining to the same. Occupy your posts."

Section 2. Traditions and Miscellany

A. Brickheap Awards

The Society may award a Brickheap Award to persons who have committed a deed worthy of the Society Across the Way. The Society may give up to three Brickheap Awards per year, with no more than two in any given semester.

B. Inter-Society Meeting

It is a tradition to hold with the Society Across the Way a joint meeting, not more than semesterly, and not less than annually. The terms of the Inter-Society Meeting shall be governed by the Inter-Society Agreement as ratified by the Society. This provision applies only if the Society Across the Way is still in existence.

C. Inter-Society Debate

It is a tradition to hold with the Society Across the Way a structured, formal debate, not more than semesterly, and not less than annually. The terms of the Inter-Society Meeting shall be governed by the Inter-Society Agreement as ratified by the Society. This provision applies only if the Society Across the Way is still in existence.

D. All-Night Meeting

There shall be held an All-Night meeting on the Saturday closest to February 19. The meeting shall last from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

E. Emblem

The Society's emblem shall consist of the letter Epsilon for emblema, under which there shall be the altar of friendship, with the grasp of two hands; below the base of the altar and to the left shall be the letter O for oaron, the letter U for the contraction KAI immediately under the base of the altar, and to the right and below the altar the letter Phi for Philias. Emblema oaron kai philias means "the emblem of fond discourse and fraternity."

F. Endorsements

The Society shall not officially endorse any candidate for a federal, state or municipal office. Any resolution which may be construed as an endorsement must contain a disclaimer stating that the resolution is not an endorsement by the Society. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the nullification of the resolution.

G. Special Books

The following books shall always remain in the cabinet and shall not be available for general circulation: College Life in the Old South, The Letters of Demosthenes, and the bound copies of the Minutes of the Demosthenian Literary Society.

H. Fireplace

One member may stand before each fireplace for the duration of one speech.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. Notice

A. Constitutional Amendments

When altering or repealing any portion of the Constitution, a proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the Secretary and be read to the Society at least one week before a vote is taken.

B. Bylaw Amendments

When altering or repealing any portion of the Bylaws, a proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the Secretary and be read to the Society at least one week before a vote is taken.

Section 2. Approval

A. Constitutional Amendment Adoption

Adoption of an amendment to the Constitution shall require a three-fourths vote of a quorum of full- voting members. An amendment to the Constitution, once voted upon, shall be barred from reconsideration by the Society for one full semester (15 weeks).

B. Bylaw Amendment Adoption

Adoption of an amendment to the Bylaws shall require a majority vote of full-voting members, provided at least two-thirds of members are present.

Section 3. University-Wide Provisions

For instances where the University of Georgia requires all student organizations to include specific language in their constitutions, such as the Non-Discrimination Policy, which is not already reflected in the Constitution, the ordinary notice and approval provisions shall not apply. Such an amendment may be voted on immediately after being read to the Society. Adoption of such an amendment shall require a majority vote of full-voting members, provided there is a quorum.

Bylaws of the Demosthenian Literary Society

Effective March 24, 2022

Part 1: Membership

1. Dues and Fees

A. Dues

All full-voting members shall pay dues of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per semester.

B. Late Payment

Members who fail to pay their dues by the end of the fourth meeting of the semester shall pay a late fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per meeting for up to four meetings, when they shall forfeit their membership and be removed from the roll. New members shall have no less than four weeks in which to pay their dues.

Any member who is at least two weeks in arrears in the payment of fines or dues shall be denied the floor and the right to vote.

C. Key Fee

To receive a Hall key a member must make a ten-dollar (\$10.00) fee.

D. Special Fees

Special fees to finance worthwhile projects must be approved by a majority of the members present, provided there is a quorum. The penalty for non-payment of special fees is the same as for non-payment of dues. The time-table for paying special fees shall be the same as dues.

2. Rights and Duties

A. Attendance

Any member who is absent for three consecutive meetings during a semester, or who is absent for four five meetings at any time during a semester, shall be stricken from the roll. Any officer who is absent for two consecutive meetings during a semester will result in a fine for Dereliction of Duty. Excused absences are permitted at the discretion of the Secretary. An excuse for an absence must be submitted to the Secretary before the meeting immediately following the absence. Otherwise, the absence shall remain unexcused.

B. Proper Attire

All members shall attend the meeting in neat and proper attire.

C. Addressing the Chair

When about to make a report, motion, or address, members must rise to their feet and address the chair. They shall not proceed until they have received notice from the presiding officer. The chair shall settle all claims by members to the floor.

D. Addressing the Society

Upon being given the floor, members addressing the Society shall preface their remarks by addressing the President, the Faculty Advisor, Officers, Demosthenians, and Guests, after which they may proceed to the text of their speech.

E. Questions to the Speaker

Questions to the speaker shall be succinct and neither of a vague nor rambling nature, nor intended as a statement on the part of the questioner. Questions must be delivered standing. Also, a questioner may ask only two questions of a speaker. Questions are not in order during the Critic's Report.

F. Leave of Absence

Members who are on a leave of absence shall not be counted toward quorum, may not hold office and must relinquish any offices held, may not vote on matters pending before the Society, and shall not be subject to dues. Officers or committee heads on leave of absence shall have their position treated as vacant and shall be filled by Special Election for officers or appointment for committee heads. A member may not take more than one consecutive leaves of absence. A leave of absence may be granted retroactively upon a successful petition of the Judicial Council. If a member is absent for more than two semesters and wishes to rejoin, they must repetition. Members who are on leave of absence may run for office during elections for the offices of the Semester following the Semester in which they are on leave. The member on leave must resume active membership if elected or forfeit the office.

G. Reinstatement

Members who have been stricken from the roll due to excessive absences may be reinstated to the roll upon a three-fourths vote of the Society, provided that a quorum of full-voting members is present.

H. Keys to Demosthenian Hall

i. Requirements

Members may obtain a key to the Hall provided they have 1) attended nine meetings as a member, 2) have filled out a key agreement and have filed it with the Hall Administrator, and 3) have paid their key fee to the Treasurer.

ii. Returning Keys

If a member wishes to farewell and has in their possession a key to the hall, the key must be returned in order to be eligible to farewell. Keys must be returned promptly upon departure from the Society. Departing members who do not return working keys may also be subject to the Office of Student Conduct for disposition at the discretion of the Hall Administrator. Members handing down keys shall be responsible for cutting off at least one node of said key so as to destroy them, to be verified by the Hall Administrator.

iii. Leave of Absence

A member on a leave of absence must turn in their working key at the discretion of the Hall Administrator. The Hall Administrator shall return the working key when the member has returned from their leave of absence and has paid their dues for the semester during which they return.

3. Discipline

A. Fines

i. Dereliction of Duty

The President may fine any officer or committee head for dereliction of duty five dollars (\$5.00).

ii. Failure to Address the Chair Properly

The penalty for failure to address the chair properly shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

iii. Failure to Address the Society Properly

The penalty for failure to address the Society in the proper manner shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

iv. Improper Question

The penalty for asking an improper question to a speaker shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

v. Obstruction

For delaying, interfering with, or obstructing the orderly process of the Society the penalty shall be a fine of one dollar (\$1.00).

vi. Conversation

Conversation between members and/or guests is disorderly. The penalty for this disorderly conduct shall be a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) or more. This also applies to the use of cellular devices in the Upper Chamber.

vii. Profanity and Personal Attack

Profane, abusive, or inappropriate language or charges or imputations casting gross or insulting reflections on individuals of the Society either in debate or during the course of debate shall be disorderly. The penalty for these offenses shall be a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) or more.

The words “Damn Yankee” when used together shall not be considered profanity. The name of the Society Across the Way shall not be allowed to profane the Upper Chamber of the hallowed Demosthenian Hall. The penalty shall be a fine of one dollar (\$1.00). The James Letter of 2012, the championship debate plaque, and the impeachment trial evidence do not fall under this ban.

viii. Damage or Defacement

Any member who damages or defaces any portion of the Hall or its furniture, books, or other property shall be held personally liable for the replacement or repair of the damaged article whether the damage was intentional or not. In addition, the member shall be fined twenty dollars (\$20.00).

ix. Fire

Anyone smoking or using an open flame in any portion of the Hall shall be ejected from the Hall and fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more. Upon the third infraction, members shall lose key privileges and non-members shall be barred from the Hall. This does not apply to members who must use an open flame in performing their official duties, such as heating food for the All-Night Meeting.

x. Food and Drink

Food and drink is not allowed in the Upper Chamber except for water in a closed container during any regular meeting or special event, save after 2:00 a.m. on the evening of the All-Night meeting when drink may be allowed. The bench shall be permitted three cups for water.

xi. Improper Seating

Any member sitting in the designated seat of the Faculty Advisor shall be fined one dollar (\$1.00).

xii. Animals

No pets or animals shall be permitted in the Hall, with the exception of assistance animals. The owner of non-permitted animals shall be fined five dollars (\$5.00).

xiii. Officers

For all officers, the fines shall be doubled, with the exception of the fine imposed due to dereliction of duty.

xiv. Multiple Offenses

For the second occurrence of the same offense of the evening the fine shall be doubled, the third tripled, and so on. When members are reported for two offenses, one of which necessarily involves the other, they shall only be fined for the greater of the two.

B. Ejection**i. Motion to Eject**

With a two-thirds vote of the members present, any individual can be ejected from the Upper Chamber. They may be readmitted upon a majority vote of the members present.

ii. Disruptive Intoxication

Any individual, member or guest, who is disruptively intoxicated within Demosthenian Hall shall be thrown out of the Hall (forcibly if necessary) by the Sergeant-at-Arms or any members needed to perform such a task. The individual shall be permitted to re-enter the Hall upon a three-fourths vote of the members present.

C. Appeals Procedures**i. Prepayment**

No fines may be appealed until they are paid in full to the office of the Treasurer.

ii. Process

Within two weeks of receiving a fine, any member may appeal a fine to the Judicial Council, which shall have the power of deciding whether the offense was contemptuous in spirit or intent. Within two weeks of the decision of the Judicial Council, the decision may be appealed to the Society. A two-thirds vote of the Society shall be required to

overturn the Judicial Council's decision. Appeals to the Society may occur only after the immediate business on the floor has been settled.

iii. Injustice and Ignorance

In cases where the infliction of a fine to the strict letter of the law would be manifest and gross injustice, or where the offender is a new member who has been present less than four times and pleads ignorance, no fine shall be levied.

D. Expulsion

i. Articles of Expulsion

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, upon written petition of one-third of the full-voting members of the Society, present Articles of Expulsion against any member, believed to be guilty of any serious offenses against the well-being of the Society. Officers cannot be expelled until they have been removed from their office.

ii. Expulsion Hearing

The Judicial Council shall preside over any hearing regarding expulsion. The Chief Justice shall have all the powers of the President for the duration of a trial. Members facing expulsion shall be notified in writing by the Judicial Council one week in advance of a hearing. Officers facing expulsion will not hold their office or have any of its duties. All defendants shall have the ability to appoint someone to defend them. If they are unable to do so, the Judicial Council shall appoint an advocate for them.

iii. Prosecution and Defense

During a trial for expulsion, the Sergeant-at-Arms or Judicial Council appointed member shall provide a prosecution of the member in question. This prosecution shall be untimed, and the Sergeant-at-Arms may call witnesses for the purposes of providing statements or questioning. This will be followed by a presentation of the defense, either selected by the defendant or by the Judicial Council. The defense shall be handled in the same fashion as a prosecution.

There shall be no debate, but rather a fifteen-minute recess following the presentation of the prosecution and the defense.

iv. Voting

Members shall be expelled from the Society by a three-fourths vote of the full-voting members present. No action may be taken on a question of expulsion unless three-fourths of the full-voting members on the Society's roll are present.

4. Honors

A. Speaker's Key

Any member who has earned thirty-two speaker's points is eligible for a Speaker's Key. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Justice to inform members of their eligibility and to determine if they desire a Speaker's Key. Once members attain the necessary thirty- two speaker's points needed for their Speaker's Key, they shall no longer earn speaker's points.

B. Speaker's Points

The activities that shall give speaker's points towards receiving a Speaker's Key shall be as follows:

i. Attendance

If a member is present at two-thirds of the meetings of the Society in one Semester, four speaker's points shall will be awarded, but no more than a total of eight points may be earned in this manner.

ii. Officer Positions

The President shall be awarded eight speaker's points per semester. The Vice- President, Secretary and Chief Justice shall be awarded nine speaker's points per semester. Associate Justices shall be awarded six speaker's points per semester. The Librarian and Custodian shall be awarded five speaker's points per semester. The Treasurer, Hall Administrator, and Hall Preservationist shall be awarded five speaker's points per semester. The Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be awarded three speaker's points per semester.

Additionally, the Treasurer, Hall Administrator, Hall Preservationist, Custodian, Historian and Librarian reserve the right to award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President. The President may award one point to members who perform outstanding contributions to the Society.

iii. Representation of the Society

Official representation of the Society through speaking before any outside group is awarded one point, pending prior approval of the President.

iv. Programs

For participating in a program, including speaker's workshops, one point shall be awarded.

v. Inter-Society Debate Team

For being a member of the Inter-Society Debate Team, six speaker's points shall be awarded.

vi. Orations and Declamations

Winners of Orations and Declamations shall be awarded two points, respectively.

vii. Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs may be awarded three speaker's points at the discretion of the President for outstanding committee performance. Committee Chairs may designate one point to outstanding committee members pending approval of the President.

viii. Recruitment

A member may earn two points for successfully recruiting a person into membership in the Society.

ix. Resolutions

A member may earn one point for presenting a resolution to the Society during New Business.

x. Critic

A member may earn one point for serving as critic for a resolution.

xi. Sergeant-at-Arms Deputies

Any member who serves as a deputy to the Sergeant-at-Arms for the All Night Meeting shall be awarded one point.

C. Special Awards

i. Demosthenes Award

A Demosthenes Award shall be awarded each Spring Semester to the most improved speaker. This vote shall be by secret, written ballot. The recipient's name shall be engraved on a plaque.

ii. Albert B. Saye Award

An Albert B. Saye Award shall be awarded each Spring Semester to a current active member of the Society who has performed outstanding service for the Society. This vote shall be by secret, written ballot. The recipient's name shall be engraved on a plaque.

iii. Larry Blount Award

A Larry Blount Award to honor an outstanding new member shall be awarded each Spring Semester to a current active member who has been a full-voting member for no more than two semesters. The Society shall choose the recipient from the current members, and the vote shall be by secret ballot. The recipient's name shall be engraved on a plaque.

iv. Gilbert Head Award

A Gilbert Head Award shall be awarded each Spring Semester to a current active member of the Society who has demonstrated great respect and enthusiasm for the history and traditions of the Society. This vote shall be by secret, written ballot. The recipient's name shall be engraved on a plaque.

D. Wall of Fame

i. Responsibility of Alumni Relations Committee

The Wall of Fame, designated for the portraits of Demosthenians who have made outstanding contributions to their state and country, shall be maintained by the Alumni Relations Committee, which shall search out potential candidates, accept nominations from the membership, and research each candidate's qualifications.

ii. Selection

When nominees for the Wall of Fame are presented to a quorum of full-voting members, no other nominations shall be accepted from the floor. Members shall accept one candidate, which must then be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of a quorum of full-voting members at the meeting following the selection.

Part 2: Officers

1. President

A. Powers

i. Assessing Fines

When assessing fines the President must issue the fine in writing within a reasonable period, and include the infraction, the date of the infraction, and the amount owed. The President shall also notify the Treasurer.

The President may grant exceptions to fines for food and drink.

ii. Bench Appointments

When a sitting Vice-President or Secretary steps down to speak on a resolution or other motion, the sitting President may appoint a member to serve as sitting Vice-President or

Secretary. The President may resume the bench once debate on the resolution or other motion has ceased.

iii. Speaker's Points

The President may award one point to members who perform outstanding contributions to the Society. When other officers or committee heads award speaker's points, it must first be approved by the President. Speaker's points awarded for official representation of the Society must be approved by the President.

B. Duties

i. Presiding

The President shall preside over all meetings, assess fines, and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.

ii. Inaugural Address

Newly elected presidents shall deliver an inaugural address at the first regular meeting of the Semester they were elected to serve, in which they shall present to each member a specific list of objectives for the Society to accomplish in the coming Semester.

iii. Progress Statement

The President shall present a statement of progress toward these objectives by the eighth regular meeting of the semester.

iv. Required Reading

Newly elected presidents shall read the section of E. Merton Coulter's College Life in the Old South that deals with Literary Societies before they give their inaugural address.

v. Officer's Meetings

The President shall hold officer's meetings every three weeks to discuss the state of the Society and pressing business. These meetings shall require the attendance of the Society's officers and be open to all members' attendance.

vi. Adlatus

The President shall appoint an Adlatus who shall advise the President on Parliamentary questions. The Adlatus may also address the Society on parliamentary law whenever necessary.

vii. Critic

At the beginning of each resolution the President shall appoint a Critic who shall critique and report on the following: errors of grammar and delivery, debate of speakers, and irregularities of officers and individual members. The Critic's Report shall be

delivered following notations to the minutes for the resolution. The time limit on Critic's Reports shall be 10 minutes.

viii. Censor Morum

At the beginning of each Semester the President shall appoint a Censor Morum to investigate the morals and conduct of the members of the Society without respect to time or place, in order to ensure correct behavior on the part of the membership. The Censor Morum shall report the conduct of members before the Society under committee reports for reproof and correction, and these reports shall be as frequent as necessary. The Censor Morum may also write private letters of reproach or esteem to individual members as frequent as necessary. The Censor Morum shall pledge to defend virtue and morality. Failure to fulfill this pledge shall be sufficient grounds for removal by dismissal. The Censor Morum shall remain anonymous throughout the course of the semester.

ix. Proper Attire

The President shall be required to wear attire of suitable formality while occupying the bench.

x. Addressing Guests

The President, when addressing guests during meetings, shall refer to every guest as "Our Guest."

xi. Delivering Oaths

The President shall be responsible for delivering the Oath of Membership to all new members and reading the Oath of Officers and the Presidential Address to newly elected officers.

C. Succession

The President shall relinquish the chair when debating any question before the Society and shall not resume the chair until the main motion has been put to a vote.

When a sitting President steps down to speak on a resolution or other motion, the sitting Vice-President becomes the sitting President.

2. Vice-President

A. Powers

i. Committee Membership

The Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing Committees.

ii. Appointments

The Vice-President shall appoint committee chairs, who shall appoint the members of the committees; these appointments shall be submitted first to the President and subject to presidential approval. This power does not extend to the Hall Preservation and Administration Committee or the Financial Committee.

iii. Removal

The Vice-President may, with approval of the President, remove a Committee Chair for good cause. This power does not extend to the Hall Preservation and Administration Committee or the Financial Committee.

B. Duties

i. Meeting of Committee Chairs

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to hold a meeting of all committee chairs on at least two occasions each Semester. The purpose of these meetings shall be to announce and discuss goals for each committee, to assess the progress of the committees, to recognize outstanding contributions, and to work on solutions to any problems.

ii. Oversight

It shall be the responsibility of the Vice-President to keep the President and the Society informed on the progress and the activities of the committees.

iii. Timing of Speeches

The Vice-President shall time the speeches and signal the amount of time remaining in a speech to the audience.

iv. Escorting Guests

After any prospective member has given a maiden address before the Society, the Vice-President shall escort all petitioners and guests downstairs until after the vote has been taken. The Vice-President may return to the Upper Chamber for debate after the candidates have been escorted.

v. Escorting Candidates

Before all prospective candidates for an office have given their speech before the Society, the Vice-President shall escort all candidates and guests downstairs until after the vote has been taken, but the Vice-President may return to the Upper Chamber for debate after the candidates have been escorted.

vi. Proper Attire

The Vice-President shall be required to wear attire of suitable formality while occupying the bench.

3. Secretary

A. Powers

i. Notations

Notations to the minutes may be added only at the discretion of the Secretary.

ii. Granting Leaves of Absence

A leave of absence must be submitted to the Secretary in writing. Any member may be granted a leave of absence at the Secretary's discretion provided it is approved by a majority of the Judicial Council. A leave of absence may be granted retroactively upon successful petition of the Judicial Council. The Secretary shall notify the President and Hall Administrator of any approved leaves of absence prior to the next regular meeting.

B. Duties

i. Roll

The Secretary shall keep an alphabetical roll of the members and honorary members of the Society, adding the names and correct honorifics of new members as they are accepted into the Society. The Secretary shall announce the presence of a quorum to the President at each meeting.

ii. Minutes

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, fines, and of the motions proposed to the Society, and shall read at each subsequent meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting.

Secretaries shall preserve the minutes during their term of office and turn them over properly sorted and neatly labeled, passing on all the necessary papers to the archives and to the Digital Media Committee at the end of their term.

iii. Wall of Fame Portraits

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to obtain or otherwise ensure the obtainment of any Portrait for the Wall of Fame within one academic year of the ratification of a candidate.

iv. Notifying Honorary Members

The Secretary shall notify all persons chosen as honorary members of their honor in writing.

v. Proper Attire

The Secretary shall be required to wear attire of suitable formality while occupying the bench.

vi. Records for Judicial Council

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of attendance at meetings, the presenters of resolutions, and members appointed critic and deliver such records to the Judicial Council for the purpose of determining speaker's points upon request.

vii. Notifying Hall Administrator

The Secretary shall notify the Hall Administrator when a member has been stricken from the roll for the purpose of reobtaining keys to the Hall.

C. Discipline

i. Failure to Deliver

Secretaries who fail to deliver the completed minutes of their term by the fourth meeting of the following Semester shall forfeit the speaker's points they earned as Secretary.

4. Judicial Council

A. Powers

i. Interpretation

The Judicial Council shall judge all questions concerning the interpretation of the Constitution of the Society. Its decisions shall be final in these questions unless overruled by a two-thirds vote of the Society. Two members shall constitute a quorum, provided that one of those members is the Chief Justice. Should the Judicial Council lack a quorum, any question that would normally be sent to the Judicial Council should be presented to a majority vote of the Society. In any question directly involving a Justice, that Justice shall not be counted in determining a quorum of the Judicial Council or in the vote on that question. Challenges to Judicial Council decisions must be submitted in writing at least one week before the debate and vote and must be signed by at least 15% of all full-voting members. A Judicial Council decision may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Society members present, provided a quorum.

In judging questions involving fines, the Judicial Council shall have the power of deciding whether the offense was contemptuous in spirit or intent.

ii. Inter-Society Relations

The Judicial Council shall represent the Society in questions arising with other societies concerning intercollegiate and inter-societal debates. The Judicial Council shall have the power to enter into treaties with other societies which shall be binding upon the Society after a majority vote of full-voting members, provided there is quorum. When submitting a treaty for approval, the treaty must be presented in writing to the Secretary and made public to the Society at least one week before a vote is taken.

iii. Trial Appointments

In trials for impeachment or expulsion, the Judicial Council shall select the defense for the defendant if the defendant is unwilling or unable.

The Judicial Council shall appoint a prosecutor on behalf of the Society in cases where the Sergeant-at-Arms cannot prosecute an impeachment.

B. Duties

i. Inter-Society Debate Coaches

The Council shall act as a panel to choose and coach the members of the debate team. Any such decision of the Judicial Council may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the Society.

ii. Ball and Vase Voting

The Chief Justice shall assist during ball and vase voting.

iii. Recordkeeping

The Judicial Council shall keep a record of all speaker's points earned toward Speaker's Keys. A member's current total shall be available upon request to the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council shall keep a record of the minutes of all Council meetings which shall include the Justices present, the motions made to the Council, the major points of the arguments for and against, the votes and any statements made by the Justices.

iv. Elections

The Judicial Council shall be responsible for administering officer elections.

v. Speaker's Keys

The Judicial Council shall authorize the awarding of Speaker's Keys. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Justice to inform members of their eligibility and to determine if they desire a Speaker's Key.

vi. Orations and Declamations

The Judicial Council shall judge and organize the Orations and Declamations. While allowed to participate, no council member shall be eligible to win.

vii. Constitution Copy

The Judicial Council shall keep an up-to-date copy of the Constitution in the Library of the Hall at all times.

viii. Membership Tests

The Judicial Council shall evaluate membership tests and advise the President of the results. The Judicial Council shall keep on file a copy of the correct answers to the membership test.

ix. Finance Oversight

The Chief Justice shall inspect the Treasurer's books and approve the status of the Society's finances at least once a Semester.

x. Presiding

The Judicial Council shall preside over any hearing regarding impeachment.

C. Chief Justice

i. Duties

The Chief Justice shall serve as point of contact between other societies. The Chief Justice shall serve as tie breaker in votes of Judicial Council decisions.

5. Treasurer

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Treasurer shall have the authority to appoint one deputy to aid with the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Treasurer is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Treasurer shall act as interim Treasurer until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Speaker's Points

The Treasurer may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. Recordkeeping

The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial dealings of the Society. These records shall be available to members upon request. The Treasurer shall allow the Chief Justice to inspect the Treasurer's books and approve the status of the Society's finances at least once a Semester. At the end of each semester, the Treasurer shall report on the state of the Society's finances to the Finance Committee.

ii. Hall Rental Donations

By the end of each month, the Treasurer shall deposit any hall rental donations received from the Hall Administrator.

iii. Due Collection

The Treasurer shall collect all dues.

6. Hall Administrator

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Hall Administrator shall have the power of appointing a deputy to aid with the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Hall Administrator is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Hall Administrator shall act as interim Hall Administrator until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Speaker's Points

The Hall Administrator may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. Keys

The Hall Administrator shall grant all keys and shall maintain a file of all extant contracts for keys to the Hall. The Hall Administrator shall also maintain a list of all those who have received a current working key through the society, and shall verify this list with that of the Treasurer at least once a semester so as to account for every key made for the society. Removal from the list shall only occur when a key is returned or proven to be damaged beyond working condition. Lost keys shall be reported to the Hall Administrator and further action shall be on a case by case basis.

ii. Rentals

The Hall Administrator shall be responsible for renting the Hall. The Hall Administrator shall maintain records of rental contracts. Hall Administrator shall also be responsible

for letting renters into the hall. The Hall Administrator shall be permitted two extra keys, marked solely for use as Hall Administrator, and an assistant who may allow renters into the Hall when the Hall Administrator is unable to do so.

The Hall Administrator shall keep a record of all renters who disrespect or damage the Hall. This record may be taken into account when renting the Hall.

At the end of each month, the Hall Administrator shall give the Treasurer any hall rental donations collected.

iii. Calendar

The Hall Administrator shall maintain a calendar available to all members that lists all of the scheduled hall rentals and other Society related events. The Hall Administrator shall regularly keep the Society informed of upcoming hall rentals.

iv. Maintenance Requests

The Hall Administrator shall be responsible for submitting maintenance requests when necessary.

7. Hall Preservationist

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Hall Preservationist shall have the power of appointing a deputy and to aid with the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Hall Preservationist is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Hall Preservationist shall act as interim Hall Preservationist until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Speaker's Points

The Hall Preservationist may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. Preservation

The Hall Preservationist shall be responsible for the preservation of the Hall and its furnishings. The Hall Preservationist shall maintain records of expenditures and actions regarding the Hall and specific furnishings that are worth more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

ii. Furnishing

The Hall Preservationist shall be responsible for the proper movement of furnishings and valuable items of the Society.

iii. Damages

In the event that property of the Society is damaged or destroyed, the Hall Preservationist shall document the damage(s) as clearly as possible and shall submit an incident report including the estimated worth of damage(s) to the Judicial Council for review and applicable disciplinary procedures.

iv. Report on State of the Hall

The Hall Preservationist shall deliver a report to the Society regarding the state of the Hall, its furnishings, and any preservation projects of current relevance at least once per semester.

8. Historian

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Historian shall have the authority to appoint one deputy to aid with the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Historian is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Historian shall act as interim Historian until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Speaker's Points

The Historian may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. Addresses to the Society

The Historian shall prepare a written history of the Society covering the year for which they are elected. This history shall be read to the Society at the annual Spring Banquet. The Historian shall deliver a speech once each Semester on a topic of interest pertaining to the history of the Society or debating societies in general.

ii. Archives

The Historian shall have the responsibility of acting as the Society's liaison to the Archives and shall be responsible for taking important Society documents to the Archives for safekeeping.

The Historian shall place the Historian's report, all newspaper articles, historical papers, and correspondence pertaining to the Society in the current correspondence file in the Georgia Room of the University's Main Library.

iii. Wall of Fame

The Wall of Fame portraits will be maintained and cataloged by the Historian.

iv. Scrapbooks

The Historian shall maintain the scrapbooks of the Society, securing newspaper articles, autographs, and other matters of interest to the Society.

v. Plaques

The Historian shall maintain the plaques in the President's office and update all plaques before the beginning of the Fall semester.

9. Sergeant-at-Arms

A. Duties

i. General Duties

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall prevent disruption in the Hall, eject unruly or boisterous members, visitors, and trespassers, assist in the voting by ball and vase, and assist in collection of fines and dues, if necessary.

ii. Prosecution

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, at the discretion of the Judicial Council, prosecute officers for neglect of duty, entering into the minutes the names of the defendants and offenses for which they stand charged, and notifying them in writing at least one week before the trial.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, upon written petition of one-third of the full-voting members of the Society, present Articles of Impeachment against any officer believed to be guilty of any serious offenses against the well-being of the Society. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall prosecute all impeachments, except in cases regarding the impeachment of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

iii. Sobriety

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall not consume any intoxicants during the All-Night Meeting and shall ensure that the Demosthenian Literary Society remains in accordance with the University alcohol policies. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall appoint deputies to assist them with maintaining order at the All Night Meeting.

iv. Assistance

If any member or guest is unable to participate fully in the business of the Society because of physical disability, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist them or provide reasonable accommodation.

10. Librarian

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Librarian shall have the authority to appoint one deputy to aid in the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Librarian is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Librarian shall act as interim Librarian until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Suggestions

The Librarian shall have the power to suggest books for the Society to buy and to replace books that have been lost or stolen.

iii. Speaker's Points

The Librarian may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. General Duties

The Librarian shall have custody of the Society's manuscripts, catalogue the Society's books, update the library database, and supervise the library.

ii. Library Supervision

The library shall be divided into three sections: the society archives, a reference section, and a circulation section. Regular reference books may be checked out and removed from the Hall for a twenty- four-hour period with the permission of the Librarian. The late fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per day. The archival books may not be removed from the Hall under any circumstances. The penalty for this offense shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per day. Books in the circulation section may be checked out for two weeks and renewed for an additional two weeks through the Librarian. These subsequent renewals are subject to termination by the Librarian on the demand of a Society member who desires to use the book. Books in the circulation section may not be removed from the Hall unless they have been checked out. The penalty for overdue books shall be a fine of

ten cents (10¢) per day including breaks in the academic year. A fine of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be levied in addition to the replacement cost of the book for books that were lost or damaged. The Librarian shall re-shelve books which have not been checked out.

iii. Procedure for Checking Out a Book

Members shall sign their name, date, the title, and the author of the book in the record book placed in the library. Books shall be checked in by the Librarian or by placing them in the marked area.

iv. Library Regulations

Library regulations shall be posted in the library. Use of the library shall mean that the user agrees to abide by the rules. For gross and repeated violations of these regulations, library privileges may be revoked by the Librarian.

11. Custodian

A. Powers

i. Deputy

The Custodian shall have the authority to appoint one deputy to aid in the execution of the duties of the office. In the event that the Custodian is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Custodian shall act as interim Custodian until such a time as a special election for that office can be held.

ii. Cleaning Meetings

The Custodian shall have the ability to announce cleaning meetings and award speaker's points, at the discretion of the President, for the participation of members.

The Custodian shall perform or supervise those acts, which are necessary to assist members during meetings.

iii. Speaker's Points

The Custodian may award one point to a maximum of two people per semester, pending the approval of the President.

B. Duties

i. General Duties

The Custodian shall maintain the beauty of the Hall and its furnishings by keeping it clean and neat.

ii. Inventory

The Custodian shall keep an inventory of all Hall property worth more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Part 3: Committees

1. Standing Committees

A. List of Standing Committees

The following shall be the seven standing committees of the Society: The Finance Committee, the Programs Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Alumni Relations Committee, the Hall Preservation and Administration Committee, and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

B. Power of Committee Chairs

The Committee Chairs shall have the duty to appoint, from the members of the committee, a deputy chair, except for the Hall Preservation and Administration Committee. These deputy chairs shall have the responsibility of aiding the Chair in the execution of the duties of the committee. In the event that the Chair is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Deputy Chair shall act as the interim Chair until such a time as the Chair can resume the duties of the Committee. Committee Chairs may designate one point to outstanding committee members pending approval of the President.

C. Removal of Committee Chairs

The Vice-President may, with approval of the President, remove a Committee Chair only for good cause.

D. The Finance Committee

i. Members

The permanent members of the Finance Committee shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer (as Chair), the Hall Administrator, the Hall Preservationist, the Chief Justice, the Faculty Advisor, the Deputy Treasurer, one member of the Society appointed by the Treasurer, with approval of the President, and two additional members of the Society appointed by the President.

ii. General Duties

The Finance Committee shall assist and monitor the Treasurer in carrying out all financial duties of the Society.

iii. Spending

No member shall have the power to purchase anything in the name of the Society or render the Society liable for any indebtedness of any nature without the prior permission of the Finance Committee and the approval of the society. Only members of the Finance Committee and designated members may be eligible for reimbursement.

iv. Budget

The Finance Committee shall budget funds at the beginning of each Semester.

v. Financial Reporting

At least once a semester the Treasurer, acting as the Chair of the Finance Committee, shall give reports on the finances of the Society. These reports must be accepted by the Society to validate the Actions of the Finance Committee.

E. The Programs Committee

i. Members

The members of the Programs Committee shall be appointed each semester by the Committee Head.

ii. General Duties

The Spring Banquet, the Hat Debate, Speaker's Workshops, all tailgates, with the exception of the Alumni Tailgate, and all Society awards, with the exception of the Speakers Keys and the Orations and Declamations, shall be the responsibility of the Programs Committee.

F. The Public Relations Committee

i. Members

The members of the Public Relations Committee shall be appointed each semester by the Committee Head.

ii. General Duties

The Public Relations Committee shall have the responsibility of organizing the Fall and Spring activities fairs, posting flyers on campus, and promoting programs and events. The Committee shall also be responsible for maintaining the society's online presence.

iii. Account Transfers

The Digital Media Committee shall be responsible for the successful transfer of society email and society social media account information corresponding to changes in officer and committee positions.

G. The Alumni Relations Committee

i. Members

The members of the Alumni Relations Committee shall be appointed by the Committee Head. The Alumni Relations Committee shall be a yearlong committee chosen at the beginning of the Fall Semester.

ii. General Duties

The Alumni Tailgate and the All-Night Meeting, including speakers, food, and other planning, shall be the responsibility of the Alumni Relations Committee.

H. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i. Members

The members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall be appointed each semester by the Committee Head.

ii. General Duties

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall be responsible for overseeing initiatives that foster a welcoming society to newer and older members, maintaining an inclusive environment for all Demosthenians regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.

2. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Formation

An ad hoc committee may be created for a special purpose by a majority vote of full-voting members present, provided there is quorum. Unless otherwise specified, the ad hoc committee chair and other ad hoc committee members shall be appointed by the Vice-President, pending approval of the President. An ad hoc committee cannot be appointed to perform the functions of a standing committee or an officer position.

ii. Powers

An ad hoc committee shall have all those powers granted to it by the Society, provided it does not violate the Constitution or Bylaws. An ad hoc committee cannot exercise any powers granted to an officer or a standing committee. An ad hoc committee has no power to grant speaker's points.

iii. Duration

An ad hoc committee ceases to exist when the duty assigned by the Society is accomplished, unless sooner discharged, which requires a two-thirds vote of full-voting members. An ad hoc committee that has not accomplished the duty assigned it at the end of a full academic year shall cease to exist.

Part 4: Meetings

1. Order of Business

Meetings of the Society shall be conducted in the following order:

1. Calling to Order the Society
2. Announcements from the Chair
3. Roll Call
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
5. Recognition of Those Present for the First Time
6. Recognition of Those Present for the Second, Third, or Innumerable Time
7. Recognition of Alumni Present
8. Programs
9. Petitions for Reinstatement of Membership
10. Petitions for Membership
11. Committee Reports
12. Special Elections
13. Old or Unfinished Business
14. New Business
 - a. Appointment of the Critic
 - b. Resolution & Debate
 - c. Voting
 - d. Notations to the Minutes
 - e. Critic's Report
15. Adjournment
16. Remarks from the Chair
17. Remarks from the Floor

2. Parliamentary Procedure

A. Timing of Speeches

There shall be a limit of five minutes on the addresses of members and guests unless the Society grants an extension by a three-fourths affirmative vote. Committee reports shall

be limited to two minutes not including questions from members and the bench. The President's Inaugural Address, the Faculty Advisor's Report, the Historian's "History of the Debating Societies" speech, Orations, Declamations, Farewell Addresses, and a prospective member's Maiden Address shall only be timed for posterity. The clock shall be stopped while questions are being asked, and while motions are being voted on.

B. Point of Information

A point of information may not be in the form of a declarative statement unless it is pertaining to a Constitutional matter. The Adlatus may make points of information in a declarative statement if it pertains to parliamentary procedure.

C. Adjournment and Ending Debate

Adjourning the meeting shall require a two-thirds majority vote. Closing debate on a question shall require a simple majority.

D. Reconsideration

Any member may move for reconsideration of any motion, but such a motion may only be made once per motion.

E. Roll Call Debate

Roll call debate on a subject of sufficient interest, prominence, or controversy may be initiated at the request of any member in the Society with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Society. The Society may vote to delay the debate for one week in order to permit each member to research the question. All members including officers shall speak. Guests may address the Society after members have spoken.

F. Divided Question

When a resolution includes a "Be It Further Resolved," it shall be considered a divided question and shall be voted on separately from the portion introduced with "Be It Resolved."

G. Membership Votes

Votes to grant or reinstate membership shall be taken by ball and vase. Votes to reinstate membership may be taken by acclamation if so motioned.

H. Moving Meetings

Meetings of the Society shall be moved from their assigned date by a three-fourths vote of the Society, provided that there are three-fourth of the full-voting members of the Society present. In times of crisis or distress, a meeting may be postponed or cancelled if

the President, Vice-President, and Chief Justice mutually agree and the action is announced to the membership promptly.

I. Special Meetings

The President may call special meetings of the Society, provided that the meeting is announced two weeks before the date of the proposed special meeting. Announcements may be posted in the Lower Chamber. Special meetings may also be called by a three-fourths vote of the Society, provided that three-fourths of the full-voting members of the Society are present and that the vote is taken two full weeks before the date of the proposed meeting.

J. Summer Meetings

Meetings may be held during the Summer Semester or when classes are cancelled, but such meetings shall be considered unofficial and shall neither be entered into the official record of the Society, nor shall they require a quorum in order to convene.

**Signatories of the Constitution and Bylaws
of the Demosthenian Literary Society**
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