



Georgian National University SEU
Student Self-Government Statute

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1. General Provisions

- 1.1. SEU Student Self-Government is a voluntary association of students formed by universal, equal, direct suffrage by secret ballot;
- 1.2. Self-Government elections shall be considered duly held if 1/3 of the students at the university take part in it;
- 1.3. Student Self-Government shall develop a statute;
- 1.4. Student Self-Government is not a legal entity;
- 1.5. Student Self-Government carries out its functions on the basis of the legislation of Georgia, this regulation and other internal university acts;
- 1.6. Student Self-Government is independent in its activities;
- 1.7. SEU ensures the protection of Student Self-Government rights and legitimate interests;
- 1.8. Student Self-Government is chaired by the President.

2. Goals and Objectives of Student Self-Government

- 2.1. The goals of Student Self-Government activities are:
 - To develop of students' professional training level and creative activity;
 - To diversify student life;
 - Student participation in the daily activities of SEU;
 - To protect the legal rights of students;
 - To promote students' self-realization and the formation of independent thinking;
 - To prepare proposals and recommendations for SEU governing bodies to improve the learning process and quality;
 - To ensure maximum integration of the University into the European educational area and student participation in this process.
- 2.2. Student Self-Government is authorized to:
 - Organize meetings, trainings, intellectual games, literary, sports, cultural, entertainment, scientific events;

- Student Self-Government cooperates with university, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as associations, state and international organizations;
- Student Self-Government can establish links with student organizations and international student associations of Georgian and foreign higher education institutions;

2.3 Student Self-Government bodies are:

- General Assembly;
- Departments.

3. General Assembly of Student Self-Government

3.1. The highest body of Student Self-Government is the General Assembly, which includes all members of the SEU Student Self-Government;

3.2. The General Assembly is convened at least twice a year. If necessary, an extraordinary session will be convened at the initiative of 2/3 of the President or members of the self-government. The meeting is decisive if it is attended by more than half of the members. 50% + 1 of the votes are needed to make a decision at the meeting;

3.3. The member of the Self-Government shall be notified about the convening of the General Assembly by indicating the date and the agenda 3 days in advance;

3.4. General Assembly of Student Self-Government:

- Elects the President of the self-government from among its members;
- Elects the Student Council, which consists of one representative from each course of each faculty of the University;
- Elects the student ombudsman by a majority of votes;
- Decides to terminate the status of a self-employed member or to accept a new member.

4. President of the Student Self-Government

4.1. The President of the Student Self-Government is elected by the General Assembly from among its members by secret ballot for a term of 2 years on the basis of universal, equal, direct elections;

4.2. The President:

- Convenes and chairs the general meeting;
- Coordinates the work of self-governing bodies;
- Appoints Heads of Departments together with Vice-Presidents;
- Dismisses heads of departments in agreement with the vice-presidents, if there are appropriate grounds;
- Liaises with the governing bodies of the SEU on behalf of the student self-government;

- Represents the Self-Government in relations with organizations and associations in agreement with the vice-presidents;
- Sets the date of the next elections in agreement with the Vice-Presidents and the SEU administration;
- Discusses and approves priority programs and projects with the Vice-Presidents.

4.3. The grounds for early termination of the term of office of the Student Self-Government President are:

- Personal Statement;
- Suspension or termination of student status

4.4. In the event of early termination of the Self-Government President, the Student Self-Government shall be headed by the first vice-president before the early elections.

5. Vice Presidents of Student Self-Government

5.1. The President has 4 Vice-Presidents, who are elected by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the President for a term of 2 years;

5.2. Vice Presidents:

- Conduct their activities in agreement with the President and are accountable to him;
- Participate in personnel policy;
- Control self-government activities;
- Participate in the approval of priority programs and projects;

6. Special Departments of Student Self-Government

6.1. The special departments of Student Self-Government are established to fulfill the goals and objectives of Student Self-Government

6.2. Each department has a head who is appointed for a term of 6 months by agreement of the President and Vice-President;

6.3. A meeting of the members of the Department shall be convened at least once a month, chaired by the Head of the Department;

6.4. The Head of Department should agree on a monthly work plan for the President and Vice-Presidents;

6.5. The Student Self-Government departments are:

- Department of Culture;
- Department of Sports;
- Public Relations Department;

- Department of International Relations;
- Department of Education;

6.6. The Department meeting:

- Approves the Deputy Heads of the Department upon the recommendation of the Head of the Department;
- Organizes and manages the implementation of Self-Government requirements;
- A decision can be made if it is attended by more than half of the members, the decision being made by a simple majority of the members present.

7. Student Ombudsman

7.1. The Student Ombudsman is a student right defender at the University, elected by the General Assembly of Student Self-Government by a majority of votes.

7.2. A member of the General Assembly of the Student Self-Government has the right to nominate a student ombudsman.

7.3. The competences of the Student Ombudsman are:

- a) To protect of students' rights;
- b) To representing students' problems with the university administration;
- c) To protect the interests of the students in the relevant disciplinary commission in case of violation of the ethical norms provided by the University Code of Student Ethics and Disciplinary Responsibility;
- d) To protect the student's rights in the relevant disciplinary commission in case of violation of the ethical norms provided by the University Code of Ethics towards the student;
- e) To inform the students about their rights;
- f) To inform the students about student benefits at the university.

8. Member of Student Self-Government

8.1. Student self-government member:

- Only university students can be elected as members of the Student Self-Government;
- The authority of a Student Self-Government member is defined for a period of 2 years.

8.2 The grounds for early termination of the authority of a Student Self-Government member are:

- Personal Statement;
- Suspension or termination of student status;

- The decision of the President or Vice-President, if it grossly violates the University's bylaws, code of ethics, or this provision;
- Declared incapable, missing or dead by a court.

8.3. A student Self-Government member is authorized to:

- submit proposals to the General Assembly and request a response to them;
- Receive information about student Self-Government activities;
- Participate in activities organized by the Student Self-Government, develop and implement them themselves;
- Receive support from Student Self-Government to protect their rights and interests;
- Have the right to a deliberative vote;
- Be elected to student self-governing bodies.

8.4. A member of the Student Self-Government is obliged to:

- Comply with the requirements of this Regulation, University Bylaws, Code of Ethics;
- Execute the decisions of the General Assembly of the Student Self-Government;
- Protect the student reputation, prestige and property.
- Prevent discrediting of the university and student self-government through its activities;
- Promote a healthy relationship between the student and the governing bodies of the teaching university.

9. Student Self-Government Financing

9.1. Sources of student self-financing are:

- a) Finances allocated by the University;
- b) Voluntary donations.

9.2. The financial side of Student Self-government is controlled by the President along with the Vice Presidents.

10. Student Self-Government Election Commission

10.1 The establishment of the Central Election Commission for Student Self-Government Elections shall be ensured by the current Student Self-Government in accordance with the regulations of the Student Self-Government Elections of Georgian National University SEU.

11. Final Provisions

11.1 This Statute shall enter into force upon signature;

11.2 Amendments and additions to the Statute shall be made in accordance with the draft amendments to the General Meeting.