The Constitution of
The Wheeling Jesuit University
Student Government Association

We, the Students of Wheeling Jesuit University, acting in accordance with the Wheeling Jesuit University Board of Directors, Associate Vice President for Student Life, and the Wheeling Jesuit University Student Body, by the grace of the Almighty God, in order to promote the welfare of the Wheeling Jesuit University Student Body, as well as to act on its concerns, do ordain and adopt this Constitution for the Wheeling Jesuit University Student Government Association.

The Wheeling Jesuit University Student Government Association shall consist of two separate bodies, the Executive Board and the Student Senate. Each body has a purpose and a duty.

Article I
The Executive Board

Section I: Power and Duties

A. The Executive Power of Student Government shall be vested in the Executive Board.

B. The Executive Board shall be the official liaison for the students to the faculty and administration.

C. The Executive Board has the final approval concerning the dispersement of Student Government funds and any other revenue that may be realized, other than those funds afforded to the discretionary power of the Student Senate.

D. The Executive Board has the power to regulate all WJU Student Body elections, as stated in the Election By-Laws.

E. The Executive Board, as a consensus, shall choose a Moderator for the Student Government Executive Board from the faculty, administration, or staff.

Section II: Membership and Terms of Office

A. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Academic Affairs Representative, Student Affairs Representative, Student Advocate, and Social Affairs Representative. Each is a voting member of the Board, with the exception of the President, who shall vote only in the case of a tie.
B. No Executive Board member may be on Academic Probation, Pre-Suspension, or Pre-Dismissal as defined by the Registrar’s Office and the Student Life Office at any time during the two consecutive semesters prior to running for office, the time of election, or during his or her term in office. Any current member placed under the aforementioned sanctions is automatically disqualified from holding office.

C. No Executive Board member may be a member of the Student Senate during his or her term (eliminate).

D. No Executive Board member may be on the Residence Hall Staff, a Rathskeller Manager, a Class Officer, an Intramural Commissioner, or a member of the Student Senate during his or her term in office. In addition, if a student’s major takes him or her away from the campus for prolonged periods of time (i.e. clinical rotations) the student must resign his or her office and be replaced by nomination of the Executive Board upon approval of the Student Senate.

E. All members of the Executive Board must be full-time day students, Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior when elected, except for the President and Vice-President, who must at least have second year standing when elected. A Senior whose full term of office is completed before the date of graduation is also eligible to run for office.

F. All members of the Executive Board shall be chosen by a student-wide election at the close of the Spring Semester according to the Election By-Laws.

G. All those candidates choosing to run for office must attend a mandatory informational meeting, conducted by the current President and Vice President, in order to be eligible to run for office.

H. Each term of office lasts for one academic year. This term shall begin at 12:00 midnight the Saturday night/Sunday morning before the week of final exams of the spring semester and end 12:00 midnight the Saturday night/Sunday morning before the week of final exams the following year.

1. Official Oath of Office will take place at the Spring Leadership Reception/Banquet that will occur the day the office becomes official.

2. The Executive Board Oath of Office shall read: “We, the Student Government Executive Board, pledge to uphold and promote the morals and values of the Jesuit tradition. We accept the trust placed upon us by our peers to faithfully represent their needs and concerns. Through hard work and dedication, we will loyally serve the students, faculty, and community members of Wheeling Jesuit University.”

3. The Executive Board shall be recognized at the Fall Honors Convocation.
I. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, due to resignation or removal of an officer before the end of a term, the procedure for replacement must occur. The replacement shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board with the approval of the Senate. The exception lies with the office of the President, in which case the Vice President will automatically assume the office. If the President and Vice President are both removed, the Senate Chairperson shall become President. The Senate shall elect from its members a Senate Pro-temp who would become Senate Chairperson in the chance that the Senate Chairperson would be removed from office.

Article II
Wheeling Jesuit University Student Senate

Section 1: Powers and Duties

A. The Legislative Power of Student Government shall be vested in the Student Senate.

B. The Student Senate shall decide, by a majority vote, on recommendations to be passed on to the Executive Board for action.

C. The Student Senate shall serve as an advisory group on matters of campus wide concern, acting as a consultative body.

D. The Student Senate, as a consensus, shall choose a Moderator for the Student Government Student Senate from the faculty, administration, or staff.

Section 2: Membership and Terms of Office

A. The Student Senate shall consist of the Class Officers of the separate classes, four Senators elected at-large, each receiving one vote, a nonvoting seat for the President of Interhall Council, a nonvoting seat for the President of the Commuter Club, and a nonvoting seat for the Executive Board President.

B. No Senator shall be on Academic Probation, Pre-Suspension, or Pre-Dismissal Probation as defined by the Student Life Office or the Registrar’s Office for the two consecutive semesters prior to running for office or during their office term.

C. No Senators shall be Executive Board members during his or her term of office.

D. All those candidates choosing to run for Senator at-large must attend a mandatory informational meeting, conducted by the current President and Vice President, in order to be eligible to run for office.
E. Senators shall be full-time members of the Student Body, as defined by the Registrar’s Office.

F. Senators and Class Officers shall be inaugurated at the Fall Honors Convocation.