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§1-1.1. Definitions.

Within these Statutes, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) A “**Student Government Official**” is any student holding an elected or appointed position provided for by the Student Body Constitution or these Statutes, and not explicitly defined otherwise.
- (b) An “**elected official**” is any person holding an elective position within Student Government
- (c) A “**Student in Good Standing**” shall be clear of any academic probation, past or present suspensions, or academic integrity probation.
- (d) The term “**club congress**” refers to student legislative bodies.

§1-1.2. General Qualifications for Student Government Officials.

Student Government Officials shall be chosen from the Student Body at-large. All Student Government Officials must be students in good standing at the time of their appointment or election, and must remain such their entire term in office.

§1-1.3. Dual Office Prohibition.

No Student Government Official may serve in more than one Student Government Office at any one time, unless such additional offices are considered dual office-holding exempt. Officials must go the SGA President to get permission. Furthermore, no SGA official may be a club representative.

§1-1.4. Student Government Mission Statement.

The mission of the Chowan University Student Government shall be as follows:

Founded by students, the Chowan University Student Government encourages students to express their concerns and ideas, promotes an environment of open discourse and academic excellence, and proactively represents the student voice to the University administration and Board of Trustees through ethical and accountable public service.

§1-1.5. Oath of office.

All Student Government Officials shall, upon the beginning of their term of office, take the following Oath of Office, administered by a senior-level Student Government Official, in the presence of witnesses: “I, (official’s name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall faithfully represent the interests of the Student Body of Chowan University, that I will dutifully uphold and preserve the Student Body Constitution, and that I will faithfully execute the office of (name of office) for the (academic year) academic year.”

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All meetings of public bodies shall be open to all Chowan University Students, except as the closing of Executive Council Meetings.

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§1-2.1. Definitions.

Within this article, the following definitions and conventions shall apply:

- (a) The “**award**” refers to the CU Student Government Outstanding Student Service Award
- (b) The “**committee**” refers to the Executive Council Committee.

§1-2.2. Outstanding Student Service Award.

There shall be established an annual award known as the “CU Student Government Outstanding Student Service Award” awarded by the Student Government Association on behalf of the Student Body to one club representative according to such procedures and criteria as delineated in this article. It will be chosen at the end of each semester (two different awards).

§1-2.3. Eligibility for Award.

In general, any university club representative acting to the benefit of the student body shall be eligible for the award. The award shall be granted to a specific person.

§1-2.4. Criteria for Award.

The award shall be granted for exceptional service to the Student Body, above and beyond the expectations of Student Body and the Student Government. The committee shall be empowered to determine if a nomination meets the criteria.

§1-2.5. Administration of Award.

The award shall be administered by the SGA President.

§1-2.6. Nominations.

Each Student Government Official shall be permitted to nominate one (1) student for the award each session. Club Congress shall be encouraged to solicit recommendations for nominations from the Student Body at-large. It shall be the privilege of each representative submitting a nomination to present such nominations at a specific assigned SGA meeting chosen by the SGA President and SGA Advisor.

§1-2.7. Selection of Finalists.

The committee shall meet and deliberate on the nominations, and select two (2) finalists for review by the Club Congress. The committee shall prepare a citation concerning each finalist.

§1-2.8. Selection of Awardees.

The EC shall, in closed session, deliberate on the award finalists and choose one (1) recipient by majority vote. The EC shall not amend the list of finalists.

§1-2.9. Presentation of Award.

The Award shall be presented on behalf of the student body by Student Government Association. The SGA President shall have the lead responsibility in organizing the presentation of the Award. Finalists of the Award shall also be recognized with appropriate citation.

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The responsibilities of a Student Government Official shall be to:

- (a) answer the needs of his or her constituent body through an adherence to civic duty;
- (b) continually enhance and encourage collegiality among all Student Government Officials;
- (c) incorporate civic virtues and advocacy in serving the needs of CU University and its surrounding community;
- (d) encourage programs that benefit the entire University;
- (e) lobby in an effective and ethical manner, incorporating issues that affect both the Student Body and the surrounding community;
- (f) represent Student Government and Chowan University in a beneficial and respectful manner;
- (g) ensure that administrative decisions are in the best interest of the Student Body;
- (h) actively avoid conflicts of interest;
- (i) be informed of and attempt to remedy campus problems and controversies;
- (j) represent the Student Body fairly and equally; and,
- (k) dutifully uphold and preserve the Student Body Constitution.

§1-3.2. Ethics in Leadership requirement.

No individual who has previously been impeached for dereliction of duty or other offenses shall be eligible to file as a candidate for any Student Body Officer position.