

The University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature  
Constitution

Adopted this day, September 4, 1998

Amended this day, February 13, 2006.

ARTICLE ONE – NAME

SECTION ONE: The name of this organization shall be Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma” (OIL).

ARTICLE TWO – OBJECTIVE

SECTION ONE: The purpose of this organization shall be to provide students of the University of Oklahoma with beneficial, educational experience in governmental process.

ARTICLE THREE - ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE: Membership of OIL shall be open to any student enrolled at the University of Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: Each prospective member shall be required to file an application for membership with the Chairperson.

SECTION THREE: OIL shall maintain an advisor who is a full-time member of the University of Oklahoma’s faculty or staff.

ARTICLE FOUR – OFFICERS

SECTION ONE: The elected officers of OIL shall be the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

SECTION TWO: To be a candidate for the office of Chairperson, a member must have attended at least two (2) OIL state sessions as an at-large state officer from OU, a delegate, or an alternate in the state OIL sessions.

SECTION THREE: To be a candidate for the remaining elected offices, a member must have attended at least one (1) OIL state session as an at-large state officer from OU, a delegate, or an alternate in the state OIL session.

SECTION FOUR: Elected offices shall be elected for a one (1) year term following joint session of the Spring session.

SECTION FIVE: In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the delegation meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer shall preside over the meeting.

SECTION SIX: APPOINTED OFFICERS – EXECUTIVE CABINET

A. The executive cabinet of OIL shall consist of the positions appointed by the Chairperson for the effective administration of OIL.

B. The delegation Chairperson shall appoint the executive cabinet with the advice and voted majority approval of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION ONE: THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The duties of the delegation Chairperson are to call and preside over the delegation meetings, to call special meetings, to be the official representative of OIL on all occasions, and to nominate all appointed positions in the delegation with the advice and voted majority approval of the Steering Committee. Further duties include co-

signing all official delegation transactions and the administration of the executive cabinet. The Chairperson shall serve as the chairperson of the Steering Committee and all other special committees.

SECTION TWO: THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The duties of the Vice-Chairperson are to preside over the OIL delegation meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, to assist the Chairperson at all times, and to serve as vice-chairperson of the Steering Committee.

SECTION THREE: THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The duties of the Treasurer are to collect all membership fees, to sign all OIL checks (with the consent and co-signature of the Chairperson), to maintain an OIL checking account, to pay all necessary fees to the state organization, to maintain accurate financial records, to submit a Treasurer's report upon the request of the Chairperson, and to serve on the Steering Committee.

SECTION FOUR: THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary are to keep roll of all delegates, to record minutes of delegation meetings and Steering Committee meetings, and to assist the Chairperson with requests by the state organization.

SECTION FIVE: THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBERS

The duties of each member of the executive cabinet shall be discussed with the Chairperson and appointee after the time of appointment and approval by the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE SIX – THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SECTION ONE: The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and one (1) member elected by the body for a one (1) year term.

SECTION TWO: DUTIES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

- A. The Steering Committee shall review the qualifications of prospective Senators and Representatives in accordance with Constitutional mandates and determine the delegation membership of the House of Representatives and Senate.
- B. To overturn a decision to reject an application for membership of the House of Representatives or Senate requires a majority affirmative vote of the delegation.

SECTION THREE: ADJUDICATION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

- A. The Steering Committee shall have the authority to adjudicate all OIL civil issues brought against an OIL member and OU- OIL.
- B. In the event that civil charges are brought against a member of the Steering Committee, that member shall be compelled to step down from the Steering Committee throughout the adjudication of the hearing. Duration not to exceed one (1) week.

- C. Punitive measures shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) in monetary compensation.
- D. The Steering Committee shall have the authority to compel formal apologies (oral or written) or take comparable actions deemed appropriate.
- E. Decisions of the Steering Committee must be decided upon the basis of a majority vote and are not appealable within OIL.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN – IMPEACHMENT AND EXPULSION

- SECTION ONE: Any officer of OIL may be impeached from office and \ or expelled from the delegation. Any member of OIL may be expelled from the delegation.
- SECTION TWO: Any member of OIL may file impeachment charges and \ or expulsion charges, in writing, with the Secretary at a regularly scheduled meeting. At the next regularly scheduled meeting, the senior officer not being impeached shall preside over the hearing. The membership of the body shall be the membership of the jury.
- SECTION THREE: Impeachment or expulsion shall occur only through a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the jury.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT – THE DELEGATION

- SECTION ONE: There shall be six (6) senators: three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates to serve at the state session.
- SECTION TWO: The Steering Committee shall fill the Senate positions from OU-OIL. Any member of the Steering Committee who is applying for one of these positions shall recuse themselves from all matters regarding the interview process. The remaining Steering Committee members shall designate, by majority vote, a person or persons to participate in the interview process in lieu of any Steering Committee members who have recused themselves, so that the interviewing body shall always consist of five people. The Senate positions shall be filled as follows: The Steering Committee or its designees, in the case that some Steering Committee members have recused themselves, shall conduct interviews and may select a maximum of three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates based on interviews, meetings and session attendance (taking excused absences into account) and past OIL experience and performance.
- SECTION THREE: House nominations shall be held in the same manner and preference as in the Senate choosing.
- SECTION FOUR: The Steering Committee shall be the determining body of the membership of the Senate and House according to these Constitutional guidelines.

#### ARTICLE NINE – BUDGET COMMITTEE

- SECTION ONE: The Budget Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, the Vice- Chairperson, and the Treasurer.
- SECTION TWO: The Budget Committee shall be responsible for planning and determining the budget for OIL.
- SECTION THREE: One copy of the budget shall be submitted to the University of Oklahoma Student Association Ways and Means Committee (UOSA). One copy shall be submitted to the Treasury of OIL.

#### ARTICLE TEN – ELECTIONS

- SECTION ONE: Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson. Treasurer, Secretary, and the at- large member of the Steering Committee shall be held following the close of the Spring Joint Session of OIL.
- SECTION TWO: Any candidate receiving a majority of the votes shall be elected to said office. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes, there shall immediately be a run-off-election between the two candidates receiving the most votes for a particular office.
- SECTION TWO: Voting shall be done by secret ballot. All ballots shall be collected by the Chairperson and tabulated verbally under the supervision of the steering committee. Each candidate may designate one person, other than him or herself, to oversee the vote counting procedures.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN – ETHICS

- SECTION ONE: The scope of the code of ethics is to establish a minimum standard of behavior that will apply equally to all members of OIL.
- SECTION TWO: No OIL member shall undertake any activity that will dishonor the reputation of the University of Oklahoma, OIL.or any member of OU- OIL.
- SECTION THREE: All matters covered by this article shall be forwarded to the Steering Committee for adjudication.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE – BY LAWS

- SECTION ONE: The delegation may set up by-laws to govern its activities. These by-laws shall not conflict with the provision of this Constitution. By-laws may be adopted and amended by a majority vote, but require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to suspend.

#### SECTION THIRTEEN – RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS

- SECTION ONE: This Constitution shall take effect upon ratification by three-fourths (3/4) of the delegation. Amendments to the Constitution may be presented at any regularly scheduled meeting. Amendments shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the delegation to become effective.

## ARTICLE FOURTEEN – UOSA REQUIRED STATEMENTS

SECTION ONE:       PREEMPTION STATEMENT:  
This Constitution is subject to all requirements and provisions of the University of Oklahoma Student Code and the Constitution of the state organization of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature.

If there is a conflict between the state organization’s rulings, Constitution, or direction and the University of Oklahoma Student Code, the Student Code preempts the state ruling.

SECTION TWO:       OIL shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws

SECTION THREE:    OIL shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran, marital status or political belief.

## ARTICLE FIFTEEN – REPEALER

SECTION ONE:       All former constitutions, by-laws, or conflicting documents are hereby repealed.