

Constitution Of Student Government

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Queens College.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The Student Government Association has set the following aims as the purpose of its existence: To encourage self-government; to promote constructive policies pertaining to scholastic and extra curricula activities; to stimulate the highest standards of honor in all matters of personal conduct; and to make and to enforce regulations which are in harmony with the College administration and which will encourage a progressive and a co-operative student life.

ARTICLE III

Membership

All students of Queens College are members of this organization upon fulfilling the following requirements:

1. Acceptance of the Honor System.
2. Attendance of handbook classes and the passing of an examination on the contents of the handbook.

ARTICLE IV

Honor System

Section 1. Explanation of Honor System

It is agreed that the Honor System is one of the cherished possessions of the College and of fundamental importance in the building of that Christian character to which Queens College is dedicated.

The strength and effective operation of Student Government depends upon the loyalty and co-operation of each student. All of college life is based on the three fundamentals which constitute the Honor System.

- a. That each student is truthful at all times.
- b. That each student respects the property of others.
- c. That each student shall be entirely honest on tests, examinations, term papers, and all other pledged work.

For any violation of these principles, each student must report herself to Honor Council within twenty-four hours after her misdemeanor. If she fails to do this, any witness or possessor of evidence must report her to Honor Council immediately.

Section 2 Honor Council

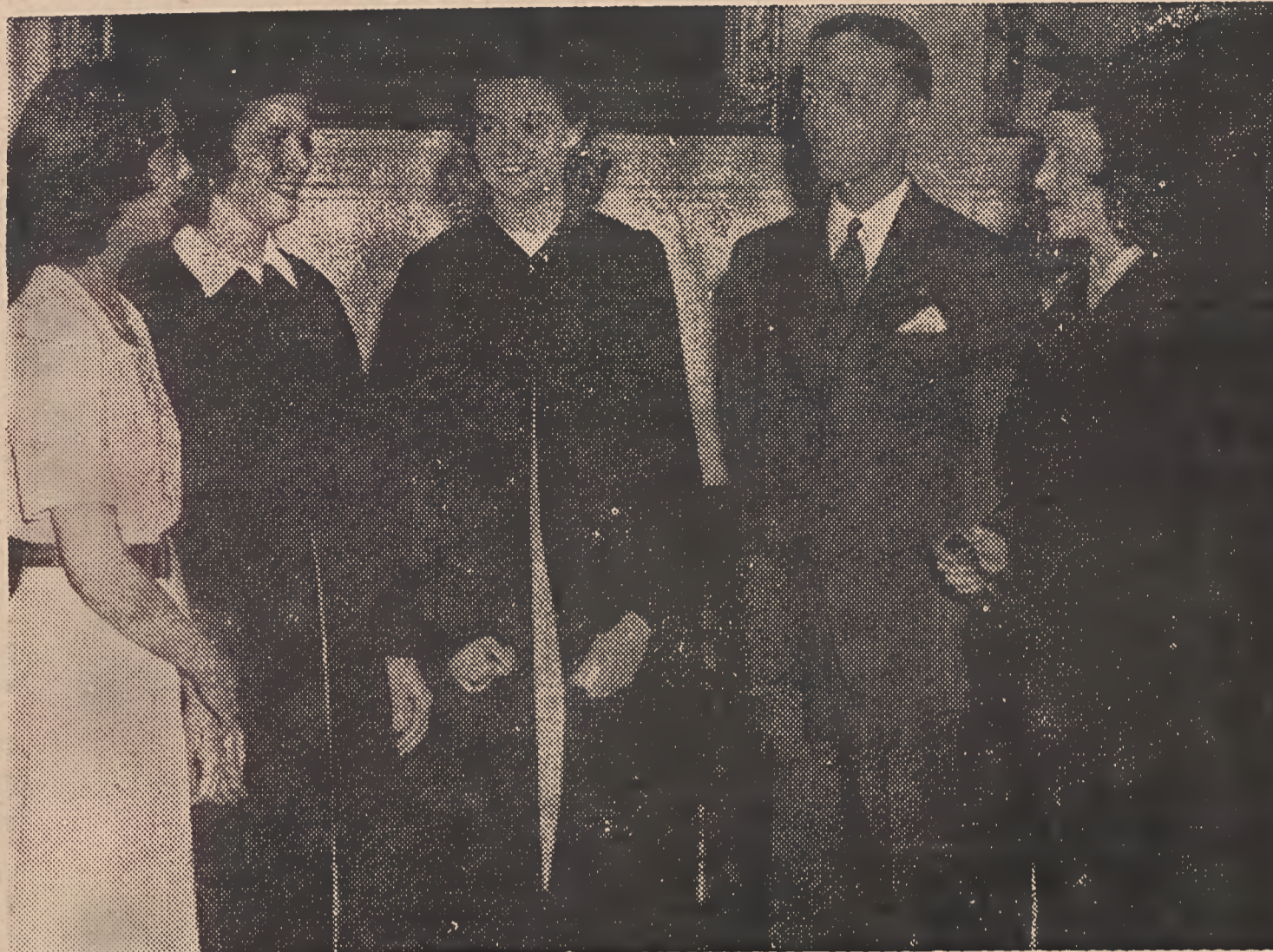
a. Powers

- (1) The Honor Council may, at its discretion, summon before it any member of the Student Government Association.
- (2) The Honor Council shall, at its discretion, call in the Advisory Committee to its meetings.
- (3) The Honor Council has the power to investigate and to take action in any case involving an infraction of the regulations of the Honor System that comes under its jurisdiction, and any student found guilty by this council, automatically excludes herself from the student body, or, in the case of extenuating circumstances, is suspended on the recommendation of the Honor Council to the Administration of the College.

b. Officers

- (1) The Honor Council of Queens College shall consist

OFFICERS AND SPEAKERS



INSTALLATION DAY FIGURES—New student government officers at Queens College were installed at a special ceremony conducted by the students. Some of the principal figures in the exercises were (left to right) Anne Hatcher, Winchester, Va., retiring student government president; Emmy Wood, Sea View, Va., new student Christian Association president; Marie Sitton, day student president for 1944-1945; Dr. Mowat G. Fraser, dean and acting president of Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C., guest speaker for the occasion; and Edna Adams of Winston-Salem, new student government president.

of the President of the Student Body, President of Boarding Students, President of Day Students, and four additional members from the Student Body at large, two of whom shall be elected for a period of two years.

- (2) The President of the Student Body shall be chairman of Honor Council.
- (3) At the first meeting of each new council a Secretary shall be elected to serve for the year.

ARTICLE V

Legislative Department

Section 1. The Legislative Body

The legislative power of the student government shall be vested in a body of students and faculty advisors known as a legislature.

Section 2. Members

The Legislature shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of Student Government; The President and first Vice-President of Boarding Student Council; President and Vice-President of Day Student Council; one representative from each dormitory; the representatives to Boarding Student Council from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes; three representatives from the day student body at large; the representatives to the Day Student Council from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes; and three faculty advisors who are also representatives to the Advisory Committee. The President of Queens College, the Dean of the College, and the Dean of Students shall act as ex-officio members of the Legislature.

Section 3. Officers and Duties

The Vice-President of the Student Government shall act as the Chairman of the Legislature. The Chairman shall preside at regular meetings and also has the power to call a meeting of the Legislature at any time.

The Secretary of Student Government shall act as the Secretary of the Legislature. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the members

and the minutes of the meetings of Legislature. The Secretary shall also attend to all necessary correspondence of this body.

Section 4. Oath of Office

All members of the Legislative body shall be administered the following oath by the Chairman of the Legislature:

"As a member of the Legislature of Queens College, I pledge myself to lend full support to the maintaining of high ideals of co-operative self-government, and to fulfill all the obligations and duties pertaining to my position."

Section 5. Duties and Powers

The duties and powers of the Legislature shall be:

- a. To revise when necessary the duties and personnel of Legislature.
- b. To appoint standing committees.
- c. To appoint special committees.
- d. To remove by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature any member or officer of Student Government organizations for failure to perform her duties. Any member who violates or disregards the spirit of any Student Government organization shall be asked to resign.
- e. To set the time and procedure of elections and to post an approved list of nominees at least two weeks prior to elections.
- f. To recommend improvements as to Student Government and any other matter for the improving of Queens College.
- g. To advise the proper councils and authorities as to student opinion of matters under their jurisdiction.
- h. To call in, at the discretion of the presiding officer, the Advisory Committee for the consideration and joint approval of amendments and new regulations.

Section 6. Meetings

The Legislature shall meet once a month at a time and place decided upon by the body at the first meeting of each newly elected Legislature. Legislature shall be on call and at any time shall go into closed session at the call of

the Chairman of Legislature or by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Department

Section 1

a. All executive authority shall be vested in the President of the Student Government Association. In case of absence of this officer, such authority shall devolve upon the Vice-President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer in the order named.

b. These officers shall be elected at a time and in a manner prescribed by the Legislature and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. Qualifications and Duties of Officers

a. President

- (1) The President of the Student Government Association shall be elected from the incoming Senior Class.
- (2) The President may call special meetings of the Student Government Association and shall preside over all meetings of the said association. She shall exercise all the powers and authorities pertaining to a presiding officer.
- (3) The President may, at her discretion, summon before her any member of the Student Government Association.
- (4) The President shall compile and organize the Student Government Handbook.
- (5) The President shall act as chairman of Honor Council.
- (6) The President shall preside during Orientation Week.
- (7) The President shall represent the Student Body at student conventions.
- (8) The President shall be a member of the Legislature.
- (9) The President shall be member ex-officio of any student organization or committee, with the exception of honorary and social fraternities.
- (10) The President shall see that elections are carried on in

the proper order and manner.

- (11) The President shall meet once a month prior to the meeting of Legislature with the Dean of Students and more often if deemed necessary by either.

b. Vice-President

- (1) The Vice-President of the Student Government Association shall be elected from the incoming Senior Class.
- (2) The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of this officer.
- (3) The Vice-President shall serve as Chairman of the Legislature, but shall not have a vote except in case of a tie.
- (4) The Vice-President shall be member ex-officio of all Legislative committees.
- (5) The Vice-President may declare Legislature closed whenever it is deemed necessary for the efficient working of this body.
- (6) The Vice-President shall direct Orientation Week.

c. Secretary

- (1) The Secretary of the Student Government Association shall be elected from the incoming Junior Class.
- (2) The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Student Government Association and shall report the proceedings of Legislature if such is deemed advisable.
- (3) The Secretary shall publish all laws passed by the Association, shall attend to its correspondence, and shall give the notice of all elections and meetings of the Association.
- (4) The Secretary shall notify all members of the Orientation Committee of the date of Orientation Week and of their duties. She shall post all notices and attend to all correspondence of that week.
- (5) The Secretary shall be a member of Legislature and Secretary of that organization.

d. Treasurer

- (1) The Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall be elected from the incoming Sophomore Class.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of the finances of the Association and to keep permanent records of all receipts and expenditures.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to formulate a budget for the coming year and to present this budget for adoption or rejection at the first regular meeting of the Association each year.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to present a report showing all receipts and expenditures of the Student Government Association at each regular meeting of Legislature.
- (5) The Treasurer shall be a member of Legislature.

ARTICLE VII

Judicial Department

Section 1

The judicial powers shall be (Continued on Page 2)