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150 A. At any time, against any officer, Executive or otherwise, except the Faculty Advisor and  
151 any/all Assistant Advisor(s), a group of no less than five (5) active members may call for an impeachment  
152 proceeding. This shall constitute an indictment, and must be presented in writing to the Executive  
153 Board.

154 (1) Impeachable offenses shall include not only the direct contradiction and  
155 violation of this Constitution, accompanying bylaws, and all laws preceding this Constitution, but also  
156 the abuse and/or misuse of the powers and authorizes invested therein.

157 B. Immediately upon receipt of the indictment, the Executive Board shall suspend the  
158 officer in question pending the outcome of the impeachment process. The officer may, however, remain  
159 an active member of the team.

160 C. Following indictment, the Executive Board shall convene in a timely manner, at which  
161 time one impeacher may offer testimony against the indicted officer. The indicted officer or their  
162 designee may then offer testimony in defense. If a simple majority of the Executive Board finds a basis  
163 for impeachment, an emergency meeting shall be called to vote on the officer's impeachment.

164 (1) "Basis for impeachment" shall be defined as: finding a factual basis for the  
165 allegations brought forth; and, finding the allegations, if true, to be impeachable offenses as described  
166 above; and, finding removal from office by impeachment to be the only suitable redress for the  
167 allegations, if true.

168 D. At the emergency meeting, one impeacher may again offer testimony against the  
169 indicted officer, followed by defensive testimony from the accused or their designee, although these do  
170 not have to be the same people who offered testimony before. The floor shall then be opened for

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171 deliberation as to the impeachment of the officer in question, for which neither the accused and, if  
172 applicable, their designee, nor the impeachers may be present.

173           E.       Upon the motion to close the floor for debate, votes shall be cast by secret ballot as to  
174 whether or not to impeach the officer. If two-thirds of the votes cast are to impeach the indicted officer,  
175 then it shall be so ordered, and the officer shall be officially removed from officer, and their active  
176 membership shall be revoked; if not, then the officer shall be acquitted, and may resume their official  
177 duties.

178           F.       Regardless of the outcome at whatever stage, the officer in question shall not be put  
179 twice in jeopardy of impeachment for the same offense, and the impeachers shall not be subject to  
180 mistreatment of any kind for the presentation of their indictment.