A. Purpose

To provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the democratic process through participation in a program of self-government.

B. Background

Gaston College has a Student Government Association which is approved by the Administration. It provides a means of responsible and effective student participation in the organization and governance of the College.

C. Responsibility

1. The Student Government Association is ultimately the responsibility of the students.

2. The Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management or designee is responsible for advising the Student Government Association and for assisting with the interface between the Student Government Association and the faculty and administration of the College.

3. The Student Government Association is responsible for activities that are the concern of the student body. The Student Government Association shall decide what activities are to be undertaken and shall present its scheduled activities to the Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management for approval. In matters which require arbitration beyond the level of the Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management, the Student Government Association may appeal to the College President.

4. The Student Government Association President is a non-voting member of the Gaston College Board of Trustees.

D. Procedures

1. All students who pay an activity fee are members of the Student Government Association, and have the opportunity to participate in the organization.

2. Faculty, staff, administration, and student support of this organization is encouraged.

3. The Student Government Association is governed by a Constitution (Appendix A-4).