PREAMBLE

SECTION 1: We, the students of Southern Utah University (or SUU), to create a fair and representative Student Programming Board, do hereby establish this constitution (herein “Constitution”) for the Southern Utah University Student Programming Board (or SPB) (see Article II, SECTION 1 for definition of SPB.)

SECTION 2: The purpose of the Student Programming Board at SUU is to:

A. Plan activities both on and off campus, for all of SUU;
B. Responsibly use student fee’s to create social opportunities and experiences;
C. Research ways to increase Student Involvement;
D. Provide leadership and planning opportunities to its members;
E. Understand the needs of the Student body as pertain to entertainment and activities;
F. Communicate with all its members; and,
G. Promote an inclusive environment that celebrates the diversity of all SUU students.

ARTICLE I: Mission Statement

SECTION 1: As members of the Student Programming Board, we work to enhance student life and increase retention at Southern Utah University. We will accomplish this by programming unique, inclusive and quality activities that instill loyalty and Thunderbird pride. As student leaders we will create opportunities to develop lasting friendships through memorable experiences.

ARTICLE II: Membership

SECTION 1: Members of Student Programming Board are all matriculated full-time, undergraduate and graduate Southern Utah University students paying the full corresponding fees. Members are both elected and appointed to SPB and must maintain the required GPA as well as uphold the SUUSA/SPB Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III: SPB Governance

SECTION 1: The governance of SPB is comprised of an elected SPB President and seven [7] appointed Event Directors. Members of SPB must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

SECTION 2: In order to be eligible to apply for an appointed position, run for an elected office, and/or hold and maintain any elected or appointed position or office within the Student Programming Board, an individual shall:
A. Be matriculated as a student at SUU;
B. Subject to the provisions in the SUUSA Governance Bylaws, be enrolled in and complete at all times a minimum of twelve [12] semester hours as an Undergraduate student or nine [9] semester hours as graduate student;
C. Must maintain the required GPA. SPB President must hold an accumulative GPA of 3.0. Event Directors and volunteers must maintain an accumulative GPA of 2.75. This GPA must be maintained throughout the school year.
D. Must be in good standing with University Conduct.

SECTION 3: Elections for the SPB President will be held pursuant to the time frame outlined in the SUUSA Election Bylaws.

SECTION 4: The elections shall be governed by the SUUSA Constitution and the SUUSA Election Bylaws that are created, reviewed, and revised by the SUUSA Student Senate.

SECTION 5: The SPB President shall not assume office or duties until he/she has taken the Oath of Office as prescribed in the SUUSA Constitution.

SECTION 6: (The process for removal. The process if the SPB president drops out during the school year.)

ARTICLE IV: SPB Responsibilities

SECTION 1: SPB’s responsibilities include:

A. Plan and sponsor SUU’s traditional activities which include, but not limited to: Welcome Week activities, Homecoming, Mr. and Miss SUU, Welcome Back Week, Sun fest and Thunderbird Awards.
B. Co-Sponsor joint activities which include: Homecoming, Identity Week and Founders Week Activities
C. Program at least 2 activities weekly during the academic year with the exception of Finals week.

ARTICLE V: Attendance Policy

SECTION 1: All SPB members are required to attend a weekly branch meeting as well as a weekly director meeting. Any other required trainings, workshops, or conferences will be specified by the SPB President at the beginning of the Academic year. If an SPB member is going to be absent they must notify the SPB President 24 hours before.

SECTION 2: If a member of the SPB is absent more than three times their continued membership shall be brought to the SPB President for consideration. The SPB President, in coordination with the SPB Advisor, will determine if said member will continue in SPB.

ARTICLE VI: SPB President

SECTION 1: The SPB President is an elected position and thus must comply with all SUUSA election bylaws and Constitution procedures.
SECTION 2: All executive powers and responsibilities are vested in the SPB President. The SPB President shall:

A. Act as an official representative of SUU on and off campus;
B. Preside over the Student Programming Board;
C. Approve all student activities and confirm that they comply with all University and State code.
D. Manage all staff employed by the Student Programming Board;
E. Attend the Event Scheduling Meeting each week;
F. Serve on the Event Director Selection Committee;
G. Assign Event Directors their individual duties and responsibilities;
H. Oversee the SPB budget and all allocations;
I. Hold regular meetings with all Event Directors and any additional staff;
J. Ensure that the all officers of SPB comply with all record keeping provisions and applicable state law [see Article IX]; and
K. Use SUU student fees to create a fun and social atmosphere at Southern Utah University.

ARTICLE VII: Event Director Selection Committee

SECTION 1: After the SPB President is elected a committee will be formed to select seven [7] Event Directors. This committee shall be made of up of four to five members, theses will include:

A. The newly elected SPB president
B. The SPB advisor
C. At least two but no more than three non-returning SPB members from the previous academic year.

ARTICLE VIII: Event Directors

SECTION 1: There are seven [7] Event Director Positions in SPB. If the SPB President requires more, he/she must receive permission from the SPB Advisor.

SECTION 2: The SPB President will give each Event Director their individual duties at the beginning of the academic year. Each Event Director will be required to plan and execute two [2] activates per semester. Additional duties may include:

A. Organize and oversee budgets and contracts;
B. Represent athletics during activities and promotions;
C. Administer and collect student feedback;
D. Market all activities;
E. Reach out to the community; and
F. Assist the SPB President.

ARTICLE VII: SPB Advisors

SECTION 1: The Student Programming Board shall be advised by the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership.
SECTION 2: The SPB Advisors shall:

A. Be present at all weekly meetings
B. Act as counselor to the SPB President.

SECTION 5: The SPB Advisor has the ability to veto any activity or decision if it:

A. Is not in the best interest of the University;
B. Infringes on, or harms student rights;
C. Is inappropriate use of student allocated fees.

Vetoes made by the SPB Advisor can be appealed by SPB President. The appeal must be brought to the Vice President of Student Affairs for consideration.

ARTICLE VIII: Constitution Amendments

SECTION 1: Any amendments to this constitution must be approved by the SPB Advisor and the current SPB President.

SECTION 2: All changes made to this document must be finished and put into effect before the beginning of the academic year.

ARTICLE IX: Transparency in Governance

SECTION 1: The governing bodies and officers of the SPB will follow the Utah Open Meetings Act and the Government Records and Access Management Act [GRAMA].

SECTION 2: All bills, resolution, applications for funding, receipts, meeting minutes, and other documents will be kept on file for four [4] years and be available for public inspection. The SPB President shall have the responsibility to ensure this record keeping occurs, and may assign a member of his/her cabinet to oversee this function.