Charter for the Student Government Board 2022-2023 Constitutional Review (CoRe) Task Force

This Task Force shall go into effect upon approval by the Board as official business and shall expire once the objectives are completed and/or with the end of the term of office of the current Board Members.

**Mission:** The Student Government Board 2022-2023 Constitutional Review Task Force - or SGB CoRe Task Force - shall serve to facilitate the initiation of proposed amendments to the Constitution through supportive review of Referendum proposals.

**Membership:**
1. The Task Force shall consist of the following:
   a. Board Member Temmallo shall serve as Chair of this Task Force and as Speaker during meetings containing debate.
   b. All the following shall serve as ex officio voting members:
      i. The President of SGB
      ii. All Board Members of SGB who do not serve as Chair of this Task Force
      iii. All Standing Committee Chairs
      iv. A representative from each Conditional Committee, selected by the Chair of that Conditional Committee
         1. The Conditional Committee Chair may, but does not have to, be the representative.
      v. A representative from the First Year Council, selected by the Chief of Staff
2. In addition to members, the following non-member roles shall be defined:
   a. An author of a proposal, also referred to as author, shall be any student who originates a proposed amendment to the Constitution to this Task Force.
      i. A voting member can be an author.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**
1. The Chair shall:
   a. As Chair, not vote unless in the event of a tie.
      i. While serving on this Task Force, the Chair may review proposals, providing feedback or suggestions, but shall not originate proposals to amend the Constitution.
   b. As Speaker, maintain neutrality during all debates.
      i. The Chair may call on any voting member to perform the duties of Speaker before the beginning of a debate. The Chair may reclaim the role of Speaker at any time outside of a debate.
2. Voting members shall:
   a. Attend all regularly scheduled Task Force meetings in accordance with attendance requirements outlined in Article 1.4.1 of the Governing Code.
b. If necessary, make an effort to attend any Task Force meetings occurring outside of the regular meeting schedule.

c. Provide feedback and engage in discourse - either in person at meetings or asynchronously - on a proposal.

d. Not vote on any proposals for which they are an author.

3. In addition to the above duties and responsibilities, the Judicial Chair and Elections Chair may not:

   a. Intentionally influence the subsequent vote of their Standing Committee that follows the receipt of a time-stamped SGB Referendum Application Request Form.

   b. Participate in the vote by their Standing Committee, even in the event of a tie, on proposals that were initiated through this Task Force.
      i. They may, in the event of a tie, vote on any proposals that were initiated by a petition signed by 5% of the student population.
      ii. For proposals that were initiated through this Task Force, in the event of a tie, the Standing Committee in question shall discuss and then vote again, in a timely manner.

   1. As Chair of that Standing Committee, the ex-officio member in question must remain neutral during this process.

4. Members, of any kind, may be dismissed if they fail to fulfill the responsibilities of their role or significantly disrupt the purpose and/or objectives of this Task Force.

   a. Dismissal may be initiated by any voting member but shall only go into effect upon a ⅔ majority approval by total voting membership.

   b. The following procedures regulate the filling of a vacancy upon dismissal of particular representative voting members from this Task Force:
      i. If Board Member Temmallo is dismissed from this Task Force, another Board Member who does not have a pending or processed proposal for the referendum in question shall serve as Chair and, during debate, Speaker, as determined by a simple majority vote of total membership.

Meetings:

1. The Task Force shall hold regular meetings, as determined within one week of the start of term by a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Task Force.

2. In addition, if necessary to meet the deadline requirements for Referenda, as outlined in the Governing Code and Elections Timetable, the Task Force shall hold additional meetings to review and discuss proposals, where possible and reasonable.

Objectives:

1. The objectives and procedure shall be amended by a simple majority vote of total voting membership.
   a. A quorum of two-thirds of the total membership of voting members must exist for voting to occur.

2. The primary objective of this Task Force is to review and provide constructive feedback on proposals for a Referendum before they are officially submitted in the form of a SGB
Referendum Application Request Form in line with the procedure outlined in Section 13.01 of the Constitution and Article 5.2.4 of the Governing Code.

a. To be considered as having been initiated through this Task Force, proposals must meet the following requirements:
   i. The proposal was submitted to the Chair at least six weeks before the date of the Referendum.
   ii. The author(s) shall have attended a scheduled meeting following submission of their proposal to receive and discuss feedback.
   iii. A simple majority approval by the total membership of this Task Force.

b. The Task Force may, as a body, write an opinion on a proposal.
   i. Neither the Elections nor Judicial Committee shall be bound to follow any recommendation given in that opinion.

3. The secondary objective of this Task Force is to do a broader review of this Constitution in respect to external and internal feedback.
   a. The necessity, nature, and specific methodology for this secondary objective shall be determined through discussion and a simple majority vote following the completion of the primary objective.

4. The tertiary objective of this Task Force is to evaluate the current process for Referenda, including, but not limited to, function of and restrictions on a Constitutional Review Task Force.
   a. Following the completion of the review period of proposals, i.e. four weeks before the date of the Referendum, the Task Force shall meet at least one more time to discuss the success of this Task Force and the procedures it used.
   b. After, the Task Force may write any of the following:
      i. To the Elections Committee, an evaluation of provisions on Referenda in Title 5 of the Governing Code.
      ii. To the Judicial Committee and the Student Government Board, an evaluation of provisions on Referenda not in Title 5 of the Governing Code.

1. This evaluation may, but is not required to, be in the form of a bill, so long as it follows the provisions on Bills outlined in the Governing Code.

**Expiration:** This Task Force shall expire once the objectives are completed, as determined by a ⅔ majority vote of total voting membership, or with the end of the term of office of the current Board Members.