Judicial Council Bylaws
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Article I. Title
The name of this council of the University of Colorado Denver Student Government Association (UCDSGA) will be the Judicial Council, hereto referred to as JudgeCo.

Article II. Purpose
The purpose of JudgeCo is to oversee all activities of UCDSGA; to ensure that the implementation of our policies and legislation coincide with the interests of University of Colorado Denver students, University of Colorado Denver policies and procedures, and local, state and federal laws. JudgeCo is responsible for deciding all matters involving interpretation of the UCDSGA Constitution and for the oversight and certification of student elections. The most important purpose of these bylaws is to ensure that both the Chief Justice and JudgeCo strictly adhere to the policies contained in Article VI of the UCDSGA Constitution during all councils, judgments and interpretations.

Article III. Duties and Responsibilities
A. The Chief Justice shall preside over the oath of office as per the UCDSGA Constitution.
B. JudgeCo will work through disciplinary hearings and matters related to the resolution of student grievances as per the UCDSGA Constitution.
C. In the event that there is a student grievance with the administration and/or faculty; a constitutional dispute among UCDSGA Executive members; or any appeal made on behalf of individual students or organizations, JudgeCo will meet to discuss and resolve the situation.
D. JudgeCo will confer with the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in order to establish a Student Code of Conduct. If one already exists, JudgeCo will offer an endorsement following any suggested changes by JudgeCo and the Senate.
E. The Chief Justice will be available for UCDSGA standing committee meetings – as non-voting members – in order to provide constitutional interpretation. If unable to attend, the Chief Justice will provide support as
soon as possible after the meeting by reviewing the agenda, minutes, and giving feedback on constitutional issues to the chair of the committee in question.

F. All of the above will be done in the most expeditious manner to ensure the delivery of swift justice.

G. All standing and temporary committees’ decisions may be reviewed and overturned by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of JudgeCo. In the event that a committee decision is repealed or overturned, notice shall be served upon the committee so that the decision may be reconsidered by the committee based on the ruling of JudgeCo.

H. JudgeCo will monitor the absences of all UCDSGA members as related to regular Senate and standing committee meetings, and will report these absences regularly to the Executive branch for rectification. Additionally, all absences from standing committee meetings must be reported to JudgeCo by the committee chair.

**Article IV. Meetings and Officers**

A. JudgeCo shall be composed of three (3) justices: one Chief Justice, and two (2) appointed justices.

B. Meetings of JudgeCo must be held no less than once a month at the Chief Justice’s discretion. If more meetings are necessary, the Chief Justice will schedule them.

C. The Director or designee of Student Life shall be consulted regularly by both the Chief Justice and JudgeCo on all councils, judgments and interpretations as related to the fulfillment of their duties.

**Article V. Amendments and adoption of these Bylaws**

Any amendment to these bylaws must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of both the Legislative Council and subsequently, by the UCDSGA Executive Council.