WHEREAS: The Northern Iowa Student Government is governed by its constitution and by-laws; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution require occasional updates to improve the operation of student government; and

RECOGNIZING: This amendment provides changes to the Impeachment section of the Constitution in order to separate powers among branches of the student government; and

RECOGNIZING: The amendment clarifies roles of those involved in the impeachment process; so

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: That the Northern Iowa Student Government Constitution is amended as follows:
Article II Section 6

- The President shall have the power to dismiss any non-elected Executive Officer and other officers of the Executive Branch through the procedure described in article 3 section 11.

Article III Section 5

- C. Any person appointed to a Senate seat will be treated as, and considered, an elected official.

Section 11. Impeachment and Removal from Office

The Senate shall have the power to impeach and try elected members of the executive and judicial branches of the Student Government, and its own members, for abuse of powers or responsibilities, or for unethical conduct while in office.

I. Impeachment

A. At least one-fourth of the Senate or the Speaker of the Senate may bring forth legislation to convene the Investigative Committee in order to investigate charges against an elected member of the executive branch, member of the judicial branch, or against a Senator.

B. The Investigative Committee shall be composed of five members: the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (chair), and four appointees of the chair, with consideration for possible conflicts of interest.

CB. The accused shall be notified via e-mail, telephone, and registered mail of his or her charges and his or her accusers. The accused shall be notified by the chair
of the Investigative Committee at least one (1) week before the initial meeting of the Investigative Committee.

C. The Investigative Committee shall be composed of five members: the four standing committee chairs and the Speaker of the Senate. If one of the sponsors of the initial bill or the accused is a standing committee chair, the vice-chair or another member of said standing committee must sit in his or her place. If the Speaker of the Senate is the sponsor of the initial bill or the accused the Deputy Speaker must sit in his or her place:

D. The Investigative Committee shall, if deemed necessary, create formal charges against the accused. The accused shall have an opportunity to come before the Investigative Committee. If the accused is found guilty of the charges by a majority vote of the Investigative Committee, the accused will be considered impeached.

II. Removal

A. Upon impeachment, the Investigative Committee will present its charges, in bill form, to the Senate. The accused will have the privilege of an open or closed session of the Senate. A two-thirds majority vote of the Senate is required to remove an elected member of Student Government.

B. Appointed members of the Executive or Judicial branch may be removed only by an executive order from the President. A two-thirds majority vote of the Senate is required to remove an appointed member of the Executive or Judicial branch from office.