



Tulsa Community College
Student Government Association
Constitution

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Preamble

We, the Student Government Association (SGA), desire to uphold within Tulsa Community College (TCC) a diverse community that encourages civil debate, questioning, and conversation that shall ensure the prosperity of all students at our College. We shall act as the voice of the entire student body. We strongly believe that every student deserves the chance to have their questions answered, their concerns considered, and their problems solved.

Article I: Supremacy

Section 1. The TCC SGA Constitution shall serve as the governing document of the Tulsa Community College Student Government Association; any subsidiary rules or regulations are invalid if they conflict with it.

Article II: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tulsa Community College Student Government Association.

Article III: Values

Leadership, Advocacy, Representation, Empowerment, Respect, Impact, Diversity, Inclusion.

Article IV: Objective

The purpose of this organization shall be to serve as liaisons between the TCC Administration, student body, faculty, and staff; to provide a network of communication among the students, organizations, and the TCC Administration; and to serve as the body responsible for the coordination of actions by students on campus issues, which affect the entire student body.

Article V: Membership

Section 1. Every enrolled student at Tulsa Community College shall be a member of the SGA.

- a. If a member of the SGA wishes to be granted voting rights within the SGA, they must become a Representative, Senator, or Executive.

Section 2. It is the position of the Student Government Association to practice non-discrimination in membership. It is against the policy of Tulsa Community College to discriminate against or exclude from participation in benefits or activities either on the staff or in the student body, any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, status as a veteran, genetic information, or any other basis protected by applicable discrimination law in its policies, practices, or procedures.

Article VI: Representatives

Section 1. Representation:

- a. Representatives are granted voting rights within the SGA.
 - 1. Representatives vote on behalf of a sanctioned student organization, while Senators vote on behalf of the student body at large.
- b. Representatives as a whole entity within the SGA shall be referred to as the House of Representatives.
- c. Representatives shall represent a single sanctioned student organization at the College.
 - 1. Each sanctioned student organization at TCC is granted one Representative position within the House of Representatives with voting rights.
 - 2. It is the responsibility of the sanctioned student organization to appoint the designated Representative to represent their organization.
 - 3. Representatives shall only represent the organization they have filed on the TCC SGA Representative Application. If a student wishes to represent a different organization, they must submit a new TCC SGA Representative Application, and the previous TCC SGA Representative Application shall become null and void.
 - 4. If a sanctioned student organization requests funds from the SGA through Student Funding, the attendance (at SGA general meetings) and participation (within the SGA

as a whole) of the designated Representative is taken into consideration when deciding the amount of funds to award to the sanctioned student organization.

- d. The Secretary of the SGA shall be the Speaker of the House. The Speaker of the House oversees the House of Representatives and reports to the President all necessary information and communication.
- e. This is an imitation of our current system of government; however, it does not operate in the same manner. The House of Representatives is simply the collection of students who represent a sanctioned student organization within the College.

Section 2. Responsibilities:

- a. It is the responsibility of Representatives to abide by the TCC SGA Constitution and the TCC SGA Bylaws.
- b. It is the responsibility of Representatives to attend all SGA general meetings.
- c. It is the responsibility of Representatives to maintain an open line of communication with the Speaker of the House for the purposes of addressing questions and concerns.
- d. It is the responsibility of Representatives to communicate all information regarding their sanctioned student organization to the Speaker of the House.
- e. It is the responsibility of Representatives to communicate all information regarding SGA to their sanctioned student organization.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. A member of the SGA shall become a Representative in the House of Representatives by completing the TCC SGA Representative Application on Presence.
- b. Representatives must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
 - 1. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any student with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity shall be allowed to remain a Representative so long as they maintain a 2.0 GPA.
 - i. The student must have a disability on record with the Accessibility Resources Office.

Article VII: Senators

Section 1. Representation:

- a. Senators are granted voting rights within the SGA.
 1. Senators vote on behalf of the student body at large, while Representatives vote on behalf of a sanctioned student organization.
- b. Senators as a whole entity within the SGA shall be referred to as the Senate.
- c. Senators shall not represent a single sanctioned student organization; they instead shall represent the collective student voice of the student body at the College.
- d. The Vice President of the SGA shall be the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate oversees the Senate and reports to the President all necessary information and communication.
- e. This is an imitation of our current system of government; however, it does not operate in the same manner. The Senate is simply the collection of students who represent the student voice of the student body at the College.

Section 2. Responsibilities:

- a. It is the responsibility of Senators to abide by the TCC SGA Constitution and the TCC SGA Bylaws.
- b. It is the responsibility of Senators to attend all SGA general meetings.
- c. It is the responsibility of Senators to maintain an open line of communication with the President of the Senate for the purposes of addressing questions and concerns.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. A member of the SGA shall become a Senator in the Senate by completing the TCC SGA Senator Application on Presence.
- b. Senators must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
 1. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any student with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity shall be allowed to remain a Senator so long as they maintain a 2.0 GPA.
 - i. The student must have a disability on record with the Accessibility Resources Office.

Article VIII: Executives

Section 1. Representation:

- a. The Executive Cabinet is the direct liaison between the student body at TCC and the TCC Administration.

Section 2. Responsibilities:

- a. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to abide by the TCC SGA Constitution and the TCC SGA Bylaws.
- b. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to attend all SGA meetings and activities.
- c. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to act as liaisons between the students at TCC and the TCC Administration.

- d. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to be good stewards of student funds.
- e. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to create legislation that will benefit the students at the College, and therefore benefit the College itself.
- f. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to do everything within their power to assist one another, to work respectfully alongside one another, and to conduct all behavior in an ethical manner.
- g. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to create an environment where all students have an equal opportunity to voice their comments, questions, and concerns.
- h. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to respond to all official TCC emails within one business day.
- i. It is the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet to develop a recruitment plan for membership and retention.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. The Executive Cabinet shall be elected through a college-wide election following the week of Spring Break and shall serve for one academic year.
- b. The Executive Cabinet must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
 - 1. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any student with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity shall be allowed to remain an SGA officer so long as they maintain a 2.5 GPA.

- i. The student must have a disability on record with the Accessibility Resources Office.

Article IX: Advisors

Section 1. SGA Advisors are not provided with voting rights.

Section 2. The Advisors of SGA have full speaking rights and shall be consulted by the SGA body.

Section 3. In order for a vote made by the SGA to be valid, the SGA Advisor must be present when the voting process takes place.

- a. In the event that the SGA Advisor is not present when the voting process takes place, the Secretary may report the minutes, as a transcript, to the SGA Advisor, and the SGA Advisor may then approve or deny the votes.

Section 4. It is at the SGA Advisor's discretion to ensure that Representatives, Senators, and the Executive Cabinet maintain an eligible GPA.

Article X: Administrative Intervention

Section 1. The TCC Administration of Tulsa Community College hold the authority to veto any recommendations, policy, financial decisions, or otherwise created by the Student Government Association if said item is against TCC policy or procedure, the student code of conduct, or state or federal law.

Section 2. It is the expectation of TCC Administration that actions, policies and other activities of the SGA align with the mission, values, and goals of TCC.

Article XI: Tulsa Community College Policy

Section 1. Any hazing activity described in the new section of law codified in the Oklahoma statutes as Section 1190 of Title 21, is prohibited in all manners explained in the Statute, for the

Tulsa Community College Student Government Association and/or for any person representing or participating in a Student Government Association activity, event, or meeting at Tulsa Community College.

Section 2. Tulsa Community College is committed to establishing an environment for its students and employees that fosters inclusion, values equity and diversity, embraces and respects the dignity of people, and provides equal educational and employment opportunities. The College and the Student Government Association do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or any other basis protected by applicable discrimination law in its policies, practices, or procedures.

Section 3. Policies and Procedures for Students and the Student Government Association of TCC and its members shall comply with all Tulsa Community College policies and procedures at all organization events and activities. These are contained in the Student Policies and Resources Handbook (accessible on MyTCC). These policies include, but are not limited to, those dealing with drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, hazing, and discrimination. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited at any TCC student organization event which includes any event on or off-campus. Students participating in an organization should recognize that their actions as individuals reflect upon their organization, and the activities of an organization reflect upon the entire college. Additionally, any individual or group that violates the student code could be subject to a review by the College and an appropriate sanction may be implemented for the individual or the organization's actions.

Article XII: Acceptance of the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments

- a. If ever there are any proposed amendments to the TCC SGA Constitution, the changes must be documented and presented both physically and verbally in the presence of the entire SGA body.

- i. The SGA body shall be given ample time to discuss and contemplate the proposed amendments to the TCC SGA Constitution before voting on the proposed amendments.

Section 2. The changes to the TCC SGA Constitution shall become effective when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the current SGA body, and the TCC Administration.

Section 3. The Student Life offices, the SGA Advisor, and the Executive Cabinet shall keep a record of the current TCC SGA Constitution on file.