

**CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF
FLORIDA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

ARTICLE 1

The name of the organization shall be called the STUDENT COUNCIL OF FLORIDA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

ARTICLE 2

The objectives of the Student Council of Florida Christian College are as follows:

Section 1

The responsibilities of the Student Council to the student body are as follows:

- A. To promote the spiritual well-being of all fellow students.
- B. To represent student requests and needs to the administration of the college.
- C. To uphold student interests.
- D. To plan campus-wide social activities.

Section 2

The Responsibilities of the Student Council in the student body elections are to assist in the election of student officers.

ARTICLE 3

The Officers of the FCC Student Council and their functions are as follows:

Section 1

The President:

- A. To preside over meetings of the Student Council body.
- B. To represent the viewpoint of students to the Executive Director of Student Life.
- C. To nominate to the Student Council, chairpersons of Student Council committees.

Section 2

The Vice-President:

- A. To preside over Student Council meetings in the absence of the President.

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- B. To act as interim President until special elections are held, if the President becomes ineligible.
- C. To serve as advisor to the President.
- D. To be in charge of the opening (prayer, devotions, etc.) at Student Council meetings.
- E. To act in behalf of the Treasurer when needed.

Section 3

The Secretary:

- A. To type, print, copy, and distribute meeting minutes as follows:
 - 1. One copy is to go to the President of Student Council.
 - 2. One copy is to be kept in the records of the Executive Director of Student Life.
 - 3. One copy is to be taken to each class by the representative.
- B. To take attendance at each Student Council meeting.
- C. To tally votes and record them.
- D. To take care of any correspondence that needs to be written outside of the student body.
- E. To keep a file of all correspondence to be placed in the office of the Executive Director of Student Life at the end of each academic year.

Section 4

The Treasurer:

- A. To be in charge of all funds and keep financial records.
- B. To give a financial report at each meeting.
- C. To work closely with a member of the Student Life department concerning Student Council funds.

Section 5

Members of the Student Council:

- A. The Student Council shall consist of the regular officers listed in Article 3 Sections 1-4 and representatives from the student body. Four representatives shall be selected by each class, preferably two men and two women.
- B. Student Council representatives must be full-time students or be finishing required courses in their last semester.
- C. The above-named officers, with the exception of the President, shall automatically be counted as members of the Student Council and shall

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be entitled to vote on all issues before the body. The President may vote in the event of a tie.

- D. All members of the Student Council shall maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. All Student Council Officers shall maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.66 (B-) or above.
- E. At the end of each term, the Registrar will certify to the Student Council that the grades for all members meet the requirements set forth above.

**ARTICLE 4
STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS**

Section 1

Qualifications of Officers:

- A. Officers include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Candidates for the office of the President of the student body shall come from the Junior or Senior Class.
- C. Students from any class level may run for other offices of the Student Council.
- D. In the event that any officer's cumulative grade point average falls below minimum standards mid-year, they shall be disqualified from continuing in office, and a new election for that office will take place.
- E. All candidates must maintain satisfactory Life-long Leadership Development status.
- F. With the assistance of the Registrar or a designated member of the Academic Office, the Student Council shall certify to the student body that candidates for office are qualified to run for that office.

Section 2

Nomination of Officers:

- A. A person is considered nominated for office when:
 - 1. They have submitted to the Student Council a petition containing the names of 10 full-time students. No student's name may appear on more than one nominating petition for the same office.
 - 2. The Student Life Office has certified that the person in question has met all the qualifications for the office.
- B. Nomination petitions must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the prescribed date of the election.

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Section 3

Election of Officers:

- A. All officers will be elected by secret ballot simple majority vote, taken from the student body, one month prior to the conclusion of the Spring term. The officers shall take office during the last full week of school.
- B. Every degree-seeking student is eligible to vote.
- C. In the event that an officer is no longer qualified to remain in office, a new election will be scheduled.
- D. All members thus elected become voting members of Student Council, with the exception of the President as noted in Article 3 Section 5-C above.
- E. In the event no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote of the students, a run-off election between the two students receiving the highest number of votes shall take place. The run-off election shall take place within one week of the original vote.
- F. In the election, a vote cast as a "No" vote will not count toward the final tally or average of all votes.

**ARTICLE 5
AMENDMENTS**

- A. A proposed amendment to this constitution must first be approved by 75% of the members of the Student Council or by a petition signed by 25% of the student body.
- B. The proposed amendment shall then be posted on the school bulletin boards or distributed to each student at least two weeks before the student referendum on the question.
- C. The President of the Student Council shall call for a Student Assembly prior to the referendum to discuss the proposed amendment.
- D. The student referendum shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- E. If the proposed amendment is approved by 51% of the student body, it immediately becomes part of this constitution.