

Constitution of the
Texarkana College

Student Government Association

Preamble

The Texarkana College Student Government Association is established with the express purposes of advising the President of the College, Chief Instructional Officer, and Student Activities Director for Student and Outreach Services, encouraging student groups, creating new groups as the need arises, channeling requests for the information and /or action to the appropriate authority, and assessing the administration of the college community's needs and interests and to aid in planning activities.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Texarkana College Student Government Association, hereinafter referred to as SGA.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Student Government shall be composed of any student enrolled at TC no matter the number of credit hours.

Section 2. The Student Government shall select members from voluntary applicants who will be known as Senators.

Section 3. Members shall maintain a 2.5 grade average.

Section 4. Members must attend 80% of the meetings and fundraisers in order to earn funds to attend the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Conference in the Spring Semester of each school year.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of Student Government Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations. A Parliamentarian may be elected if the need arises.

Section 2. The procedure of the elections shall be as follows:

Campus-wide election for the President and Vice President. Nominees for the President and Vice President position must have background checks through the TC Human Resource Office.

Applications to run for office due to Student Activities Office by the 4th Tuesday of March the previous semester of service.

Nomination requirements:

1. Must have maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA
2. Must be currently enrolled at TC
3. Must submit the signature, printed names and last 3 digits of the student ID of 20 current TC students supporting your nomination.

Regulations of campaigning:

1. Each nominee will be allowed to post the following (with the approval by the Director of Student Activities or President's designee):
 - 2, 6'x3' posters
 - 4, 3'x2' posters
 - 100, 8'x11' flyers
2. Shirts, stickers, and buttons are admitted but must be pre-approved by the Director of Student Activities.
3. All expenses are the responsibility of the nominee.
4. Campaigning will begin 1 week after nominations are received and last 2 weeks ending with a debate held on the 3rd Tuesday of April.

Voting Regulations:

1. Voting will be conducted on the 4th Tuesday of April.
2. Voting booths will be available in the Truman Arnold Student Center.
3. Students wishing to vote must hold a current Student ID Card.
4. Votes will be conducted by at least 2 TC employees.
5. Winner will be determined by the majority vote.

Senators:

1. Senators will consist of any TC student wishing to participate in the Student Government Association that maintains minimum of 2.0 GPA.
2. Senator application will be submitted to the Student Activities Office at the beginning of each Fall and Spring Semester.
3. The Office of Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations, will be decided upon from those Senators interested in holding these offices during the first official meeting of the SGA. The procedure for the elections shall be as follows:
 - a. Any member may nominate any other member for office.
 - b. Election shall be by simple majority of the members present.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Public Relations, a special election may be held by the Senators to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Impeachment proceedings may be instituted by written request of five or more members. The Director of Student Activities or President's designee shall be the presiding officer at impeachment proceedings.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President or his/her appointed substitute is to officially represent the student body at all functions where a student body representative of the school should be in attendance.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the SGA.

Section 3. The President shall have the power to call special sessions of the SGA or sub committees for meeting requirements and the needs of the student body. A majority of the SGA may request the President to call a meeting.

Section 4. All committees appointed by the President are considered AD HOC Committees.

Section 5. In the absence of the President, duties of the office shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

Section 6. In the event the President's Office is vacated before the time for the regular election, the Vice-President shall be declared the President.

Section 7. The Vice-President shall serve as Parliamentarian and shall be responsible for Roberts Rule of Order. It shall also be the responsibility of the Vice-President to call the roll and certify to the President to presences of a quorum.

Section 8. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and correspondence of the SGA.

Section 9. It shall be responsibility of the Secretary to see that following items are filed in the Student Activities Office at the end of the school year.

(1.) The minutes of the meeting of the SGA

(2.) Correspondence concerning the SGA

Section 10. The Treasurer shall report and record all financial transactions of the SGA.

Section 11. The Treasurer shall be subject to audit by the SGA.

Section 12. Public Relations shall be responsible for the channels of communication between the SGA and the student body, (example: announcement, bulletin board notice, a summary of the SGA minutes, etc.) and the administration and the public.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Student Government should meet no less than twice per month.

Section 2. The Student Government, before October 1st of each year, shall establish regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 3. Meetings shall be considered official when majority of members are present.

Section 4. The President may call special meetings. The secretary will notify all members of special meetings.

ARTICLE VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The Student Government shall establish and promote harmonious relationships among student, faculty, staff, administration, and residents of the Texarkana College District.

Section 2. The Student Government shall be responsible for advising the President of the College of problems, conflicts, concerns, and quality of student life.

Section 3. The Student Government shall be responsible for advising the Director of Student Activities of student and faculty input, interests, and ideas in the areas of activities programming.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Section 2. All amendments to the Constitution shall become official with a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Government and approval of the college administration.

ARTICLE VIII. ADOPTION

The Constitution shall become official with the approved by the college administration and approval of the Texarkana College Board of Trustees.