

Approved by Rhodes Student Body in Fall 2008

Each grade will elect their President and Vice- President for the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Class, and Senior Class Councils. These elected officials will have the vested power to ensure that their interests are met by the programming of Student, Academic, and Social Affairs. The role of each council is to segment the needs of their specific class and target these needs using existing programming available and innovative new programming. The Class President and Vice- President shall appoint officers and directors along with committee chairs that will serve as voting members for the class. Each elected official should be prepared to enact significant change along with working hard to communicate appropriately with their peers and administrators.

ARTICLE I:

Rhodes College Class Councils Constitution

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Class Councils is to:

- 1) Create a sense of identity among the individual classes, 2) develop a line of communication within the class, 3) establish procedures for meetings on the class level, and to 4) plan and develop a variety of social and educational programs for their class throughout the year.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

This constitution establishes four individual class councils for the first, second, third, and fourth year students. Membership of each individual council is open to all members of that class. Class council elections will be held during general elections in the spring. A student cannot hold more than one office in a class council. The term of office for Class Council members is one year. To be eligible to run for an officer or director position students must have a G.P.A. of at least 2.50 and be free of disciplinary probation at the end of each semester.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Directors, Treasurer, and RSG Liaison shall be the sole officers of the councils. The President may appoint other officers and directors under his discretion according to the principles of the constitution.

1) The duties of the President shall be to:

- a) Preside at meetings.
- b) Schedule meetings.
- c) Set the agenda for the meetings.
- d) Meet with the advisor as necessary.
- e) Attend all sponsored events and programs.
- f) Assist with the election process for the incoming officers.
- g) Appoint the Class Secretary, Class Treasurer, and RSG Liaison.
- h) Meet with the Council Chairman bi-weekly.

2) The duties of the Vice President shall be to:

- a) Assist the President.
- b) Preside as the director of internal affairs.
- c) Schedule meetings in absence of the President
- d) Collect reports from the directors on all matters concerning their committees.
- e) Preside at meetings in absence of the President.
- f) Meet with the advisor as necessary.
- g) Attend all sponsored events and programs.
- h) Assist with the election process for the incoming officers.
- i) Develop and submit the budget to SAF.
- j) Distribute agenda and post deadlines for committee chairs to submit their reports before each class council meeting.

3) Rhodes Student Government Liaison

- a) Chosen by the elected members of the class councils from the senators in their class.
- b) Only one liaison may be chosen.
- c) This member serves as the liaison between the Rhodes Student Government and the Class Council. Their role shall be to help coalesce the purposes and agendas of the two governing bodies.
- d) Preside at meetings in absence of the President and Vice President.
- e) Meet with the advisor as necessary.
- f) Attend all sponsored events and programs.
- g) Assist with the election process for the incoming officers.
- h) Assist with the development and submittal of the budget to SAF.
- i) Coordinate the Class Council retreat.

4) The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- a) Assist the President and Vice President
- b) Schedule meetings in absence of the President and Vice President.
- c) Attend at least one meeting of the Rhodes Activities Board per calendar month.
- d) Meet with the advisor as necessary.
- e) Attend all sponsored events and programs

- f) Assist with the election process for the incoming officers.
- g) Take minutes at all official meetings and send them to the council the following day.
- h) Keep records of all expenses.

5) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- a) Assist the President and Vice President.
- b) Meet with the advisor as necessary.
- c) Attend all sponsored events and programs.
- d) Assist with the election process for the incoming officers.
- g) Prepare budget request at the end of each year and as necessary for the SAF.
- h) Attend allocation budget workshops given by the RSG treasurer.
- i) Keep records of all expenses and inform officers of any concerns.
- j) Approval of all expenditures involving fundraising.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERS AT LARGE

A. DIRECTORS

The President and Vice President shall determine what directors are needed based on the targeted needs of the class that they represent.

1) Director of Social Life

- a) Plan and direct the social activities of the class.
- b) Publicize class activities through RSG, RAB and the Director of Student Involvement.
- c) Attend weekly meetings.
- d) Attend monthly Class Council meetings.
- e) Attend class council retreat.

2) Director of Publicity

- a) Publicize class events and activities.
- b) Cooperate with the Director of Social Life for Publicity in planning, promoting, and implementing Council activities.
- c) Coordinate events with the Southwester.
- d) Attend monthly Class Council meetings.
- e) Attend class council retreat.

3) Director of Community Relations

- a) Coordinate events with the Alumni/Development Offices.
- b) Work too organize community service events for your class.
- c) Make entire class aware of possible service projects around the community.
- d) Attend weekly meetings.
- e) Attend monthly Class Council meetings.
- f) Attend class council retreat.

4) Director of Fundraising

- a) Coordinates projects to raise money for the council.
- b) Must get approval from the Treasurer for all fundraising events and projects.
- c) Meets with the the advisor of each council to coordinate the transition at the end of the year.
- d) Attend weekly meetings.
- e) Attend monthly Class Council meetings.
- f) Attend class council retreat.

B. MEMBERS AT LARGE

- a) Members are selected to report to the committee chairs as mentioned above per discretion of the Vice President.

C. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1) Officer and Directors:

- a) Any member or the advisor may make a motion to remove an officer.
- b) The officer in question is encouraged to make a statement in their defense.
- c) Three-Fourths of the Council, by voting affirmative, may remove an officer with the approval of the Council Chairman.

ARTICLE V: Council Chairman

A. Duties of the Council Chairman

1. Appointed by the four Presidents of the class councils a week after elections.
2. Must be a senior at Rhodes College.
3. Meets with the Presidents bi-weekly to ensure that they are responsible to the principles of the constitution and the Rhodes student body.
4. Ensures that the Presidents plan and develop a variety of social and educational programs for their class throughout the year.
5. Mediates any disputes between the Councils and the Rhodes College Administration with the President of the class in question.
6. Sets the bi-weekly agenda that the class Presidents will discuss.
7. May initiate the motion to vote for the removal of an officer or director of a class council.
8. Supervises the appointment of the RSG liaisons and ensures that the two governing bodies are acting co-independent of one another.
9. Collects reports from the Presidents on any new developments within their individual councils.

10. Can motion to vote to pass any proposal that is having trouble getting passed through the class councils.
11. Oversees the transition of the councils after elections.
12. Vetoes authority of a class president's proposal not reflective of the class council's constitution.
13. Reports directly on all matters of the class councils to the Dean of Students of the College.

B. Advisor for the Council Chairman

1. The adviser to the Chairman is the Dean of Students at Rhodes College.
2. Supervises the assignment and removal of advisors to the individual class councils.
3. Works with the Chairman to mediate any disputes between the Councils and the Rhodes College Administration.
4. Meets with the Chairman once a month.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

- 1) Elections will be held in the Spring of each year during the period of General Elections.
- 2) All Rhodes students are eligible to run and/or vote.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

A. Funds will come from the Allocations Board.

- 1) Funds will not only come from the Allocations Board but for fundraising as well.
- 2) No funds may be accepted by Council from the Allocations Board unless they have or have plans to fundraise.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

- A. All meetings are open to members of the Rhodes community.
- B. Members will be notified within 3 days of all meetings.
- C. Meetings will occur at least twice each month.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Amendments to this charter will be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the members. Notice to a meeting, at which an amendment will be considered, will be sent to all members at least one (1) week in advance.

CONCLUSION

The matter and principles of this constitution were written with the purpose of remaining electric and formidable to change so long as it meets with the general needs administered. Respectfully, written and submitted to Rhodes Student Government for approval by Senator Liason for the 2009 Senior Class Council and Rhodes Student Government Senator, Colin Cox. The Constitution was signed off on by 2009 Senior Class President, Christian Dewhurst.

Respectfully,

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