

Rhodes Class Council Constitution

The Constitution of Class Council at Rhodes College

Article I: Rhodes Class Council Constitution

Article II: Purpose

1. Create a sense of identity among the individual classes.
2. Develop a line of communication within each class.
3. Plan and develop a variety of social and educational programs for the 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 the elections period 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 at least a 2.50 GPA and be free of disciplinary probation at the end of each semester.

Article IV: Members

- A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, and Historian shall be the sole members of the councils. The President may appoint other directors under his or her discretion according to the principles of the constitution.
 1. Presidential Duties:
 - a. Preside at meetings.
 - b. Schedule meetings.
 - c. Set the agenda for the meetings.
 - d. Meet with advisor as necessary.
 - e. Attend all sponsored events and programs.
 - f. Meet with the Council Chairman bi-weekly.
 2. Vice President Duties:
 - a. Assist the President.
 - b. Schedule meetings in absence of the President.
 - c. Preside at meetings in absence of President.

- d. Meet with the the advisor as necessary.
 - e. Attend all sponsored events and programs.
3. Secretary duties:
- 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.
 - d. Meet with the advisor as necessary.
 - e. Attend all sponsored events and programs.
 - f. Take minutes at all official meetings and send them to the council the following day.
4. Treasurer duties:
- a. Assist the President and Vice President.
 - b. Meet with the advisor as necessary.
 - c. Attend all sponsored events and programs.
 - d. Prepare budget request at the end of each year and as necessary for Allocations.
 - e. Keep records of all expenses and inform officers of any concerns.
5. Directors:
- a. The responsibilities of the directors are outlined in the RCC bylaws.
6. Historian:
- a. Keep record of RCC accomplishments and activities throughout the year.
 - b. Collect photographs and Sou'wester articles to add to RCC handbook.
 - c. Remind members of upcoming events.

Article V: Directors

The President and Vice President shall determine the directors by merit and qualifications on an as needed basis.

- 1. Director of Social Life
- 2. Director of Publicity
- 3. Director of Community Relations
- 4. Director of Fundraising
- 5. Historian

Article VI: RCC Chairperson

- A. Duties:
- a. Appointed by Rhodes Student Government.

- b. Meets with the President's bi-weekly to ensure that they adhere to the principles of the constitution and the Rhodes student body.
- c. Ensure that the President's plan and develop a variety of social and educational programs for their class throughout the year.
- d. Mediates any disputes between the Councils and the Rhodes College administration with the President of the class in question.
- e. Sets the bi-weekly agenda that the class Presidents will discuss.
- f. May initiate the motion to vote for the removal of an officer or director of a Class Council.
- g. Supervise the appointment of RSG liaison and ensure that the governing bodies are working together.
- h. Collects reports from the Presidents on any new developments within their individual Councils.
- i. Oversee the transition of the Councils after elections.
- j. Vetoes authority of a class President's proposal that is not reflective of the class council's constitution.
- k. Reports directly on all matters of the Class Councils to the Dean of Students.

B. Advisor for the RCC Council Chairperson

- a. The advisor to the Chairman is the Dean of Students at Rhodes College.
- b. Supervise the assignment and removal of advisors to the individual Class Councils.
- c. Works with the Chairman to mediate any disputes between the Councils and the Rhodes College Administration.
- d. Meet with the Chairperson once a month.

Article VII: Elections

1. Elections

- a. Elections will be held each year in the spring semester.
- b. All Rhodes students are eligible to run and/or vote.
- c. Elections for President and Vice-President will be held during the officer elections period.
- d. Elections for Secretary and Treasurer will be held during the general elections period.

2. Removals

- a. Members within a council or the class advisor may request a motion to suspend or remove an officer if said officer has failed to fulfil their duties based on the RCC constitution and bylaws. Anyone requesting this a motion must do so through the RCC chairperson.

- b. Any officer in question may prepare a statement in defense of the motion requested.
- c. With the approval of the RCC Chairperson, the officer in question may accept the terms of suspension, resign or request for the council to vote on the motion. By a three-fourths voting affirmative, an officer may be suspended or removed from their council position.

Article VIII: Finances

- A. Funds will come from the Allocations board or RCC fundraising.

Article IX: Meetings

- A. Council meetings are open to members of the Rhodes Community.
- B. Council members will be notified at least 3 days prior to scheduled council meetings.
- C. Meetings will occur at least twice a month.

Article X: Amendment Procedures

- 1. Any motion to amend the constitution shall be sent to the RCC Chairperson. The RCC Chairperson shall send the proposed amendment to all RCC members at least one week prior to voting. RCC members may vote to approve, deny or revise the proposed amendment.
- 2. Amendments to the constitution will be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the Rhodes Student Body.