

CONSTITUTION
Columbia Wesley Foundation Student Council

VISION STATEMENT

THE COLUMBIA WESLEY FOUNDATION IS DEDICATED TO APPLYING THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL TO THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE THROUGH SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OUTREACH AND SERVICE, AND FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

ARTICLE I: VOTING MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

- A) The Wesley Student Council is the official representative of the Wesley Foundation. It is also in charge of planning and coordinating all of the functions held by the Wesley Foundation.
- B) The Student Council has the power to raise and distribute funds to support the aforementioned programs. When Student Council is in session it must vote to approve all expenditures exceeding \$250. If Student Council is not in session, then the President and Treasurer must grant permission via signature, which may be communicated via mail or email, before the spending of the desired money.
- C) The Student Council serves in a consultative capacity to the Wesley Foundation Full Board of Directors. Members of the Student Council will be elected to hold seats on the various committees of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors, as well as the Full Board itself. The Vice President is also to attend Full Board meetings.

SECTION II

- A) Voting members shall include all members holding elected positions on the Student Council.
- B) Non-voting members of Student Council shall include the Campus Minister (also referred to as the Director), the Peer Ministers (unless a Peer Minister also holds an elected office), the Historian/Photographer, the E-Mail Manager, the Newsletter Editor, and the Website Manager.

ARTICLE II: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

The Student Council Executive Committee shall be made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION II

The Executive Committee may enact the powers of the Student Council between meetings of the Council by a three-fourths majority vote of the Executive Committee. Such actions will be reviewed by STUCO at its next meeting.

ARTICLE III: OFFICES

SECTION I

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all Student Council meetings, having already met with the Director prior to that time to plan the agenda. The President automatically becomes a member of the Wesley Full Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and is expected to attend their meetings regularly.

SECTION II

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President will preside over Student Council meetings in the absence of the President and assume the role of President upon the vacancy of that position during his/her term. He/she is also general overseer of all the Teams. He/she is also to attend Full Board meetings.

SECTION III

SECRETARY: The Secretary is responsible for taking accurate minutes of all Student Council meetings and making sure that those minutes are typed and copies are made for the next meeting. He/she will also write appropriate correspondence, or assign someone to do so.

SECTION IV

TREASURER: The Treasurer is accountable for the Wesley Student Council funds and will make deposits and pay bills as necessary. He/she collects the money at Sunday suppers and other events. The Treasurer is also responsible for preparing the books for the summer audit.

SECTION V

RECREATION/FOOD TEAM CAPTAIN: This person coordinates food and recreational activities and chairs the Recreation/Food Team. This team is responsible for recreation activities, social events, and providing food at Sunday Supper and other events.

SECTION VI

SERVICE TEAM CAPTAIN: This person coordinates service projects and chairs the Service Team. This team is responsible for creating and carrying out service projects to church and community.

SECTION VII

WORSHIP TEAM CAPTAIN: This person oversees the development and institution of worship activities and chairs the Worship Team. This team works to organize contemporary worship and other opportunities for spiritual growth. This team oversees the worship activities of Midweek, WOW, and Sunday Supper. The Worship Team Captain is responsible for finding suitable songs for Midweek gatherings by working with the person in charge of each week's topic. This person is also responsible for finding suitable songs for contemporary worship. The Campus Minister will serve in an advisory position in this process, but the final selection of music shall reflect the interest of the student body as a whole.

SECTION VIII

NURTURE TEAM CAPTAIN: This person oversees the coordination of nurture activities and chairs the Nurture Team. This team develops and institutes Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Covenant Discipleship Groups, New Student Fellowship, Senior Student Fellowship, and Finals Care Packages. The Historian and E-Mail Manager are automatically members of this team.

SECTION IX

OUTREACH TEAM CAPTAIN: This person oversees the coordination of outreach activities and chairs the Outreach Team. This team develops and institutes the activities of Columbia College, Stephens College, and Friday Lunch Fellowship. This team is also in charge of maintaining the Wesley website, providing and delivering Welcome Bags, and creating and distributing Table Tents. The Website Manager is automatically a member of this team.

SECTION X

AT-LARGE MEMBERS: There will be two At-large Members. These should be representative of the Wesley family who are not already represented by the other officers.

ARTICLE IV: NON-VOTING STUDENT COUNCIL POSITIONS

SECTION I

In addition to the student council offices listed above, other positions are delegated from within specific teams. Each team that includes one of the following roles will be responsible for fulfilling the respective position at the first team meeting of the semester. As these positions are not elected, they will hold no vote on the Student Council. Those filling the following positions will attend Student Council meetings in order to keep the Council informed on the status of their work.

SECTION II: NON-VOTING STUDENT COUNCIL POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- A) HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: The Historian/Photographer is responsible for taking pictures at all Wesley events and, if unable to attend, delegating someone to fulfill this obligation. This person is also responsible for getting film developed and updating the photo albums by arranging photographs in chronological order. These albums should be completed and displayed at the banquets. He/she is also a member of the Nurture Team.
- B) NEWSLETTER EDITOR: The Newsletter Editor is responsible for writing and producing the Wesley newsletter. He/she is also a member of the Outreach Team.
- C) E-MAIL MANAGER: This person sends weekly/regular announcements of activities, joys and concerns, devotions, etc. and manages the e-mail address list. He/she is also a member of the Nurture Team.
- D) WEBSITE MANAGER: This person creates, updates, and maintains the Wesley Website. He/she is also a member of the Outreach Team.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION I

Interested members of the Wesley Foundation may sign up for an office in early March. Nominations may also come through any method deemed appropriate by the Student Council in the weeks prior to the election, which shall be held the second Midweek in April. From these sources, a slate of officers is presented at a Wesley Event and voted on by all those present; absentee ballots are also permissible. The term of each office begins immediately following elections and continues through the election of the following year.

SECTION II

Nominations for the position of Treasurer must come from the Student Council rather than the general Wesley populace due to the importance and responsibilities of the office.

SECTION III

Student Council vacancies may be filled by Presidential appointment in the event that an officer vacates her/his position.

ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL

SECTION I

Any member may make a movement for the removal of any officer Providing that she/he has evidence based on the grounds of removal.

SECTION II

Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of duties, or the violation of any city, county, state, national, or international laws.

SECTION III

At 4/5 vote by the membership is needed to remove an officer. 2/3 of the entire membership is needed for a quorum.

SECTION IV

Any member of the Executive Board or member of the committee of the chairperson in question may recommend the removal of a Standing Committee Chair to the Executive Board. A simple majority in the Executive Board is needed to remove a Standing Committee Chair.

ARTICLE VII: ADVISOR

SECTION I

At least one faculty or staff member (at least 0.75 FTE) shall Be selected to serve as advisor to the Executive Board, Programming Board, and members of BHS.

SECTION II

If necessary, the Executive Board shall select a new advisor with the approval of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council and the Teams shall decide when to meet at the planning meeting at the beginning of the year.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDING THE STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Council, where a quorum is present. A quorum consists of at least two-thirds of the voting members. Also, voting not pertaining to Constitutional changes need only pass by a majority vote of Student Council’s voting members with at least a quorum present. The President is counted toward a quorum.

ARTICLE X: MEMBERSHIP AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES

To be considered a member of the Wesley Student Center one must be in the ages of seventeen to thirty or a currently enrolled college student. The Wesley Student Center does not discriminate against any race, color, creed, sexual orientation, or disability. We are all the same in God's eyes.

ARTICLE XI: COMPLIANCE CLAUSE

The Columbia Wesley Foundation Student Council intends to comply with all university, local, state, and federal laws.

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