

The Constitution of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School

Preamble

We, the students of Rainier Christian High School, in order to promote Christian standards, encourage scholarship and leadership, support school activities and policies, and create communication and cooperation between the students and staff do ordain and establish this constitution of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School.

Article I. Name

The name of the governing body of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School shall be identified as the Rainier Christian High School Student Council.

Article II. Membership

1. All students enrolled in Rainier Christian High School and in good standing will constitute the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School.
 - a. Good standing is defined as complying with all guidelines written in the Rainier Christian High School Student Handbook.
 - b. The Administration reserves final authority in determining a student's standing.
2. Membership entitles students to the following privileges:
 - a. Voting in Student Council office elections.
 - b. Running for or holding Student Council offices.
 - c. Submitting viewpoints to Student Council officers.

Article III. Student Council Officers

1. The Student Council shall consist of the Executive Council and the Class Councils.
2. The Executive Council shall include the following officers:
 - a. The Executive President
 - b. The Executive Vice-President
 - c. The Executive Chaplain
 - d. The Executive Treasurer
 - e. The Executive Secretary
3. The Class Councils shall include the following officers:
 - a. The Class President
 - b. The Class Vice-President
 - c. The Class Chaplain
 - d. The Class Treasurer
 - e. The Class Secretary
4. The Full Executive Council shall include the following:

- a. The Executive Council
 - b. The Class Presidents
5. The Full Council shall include the following:
- a. The Executive Council
 - b. The Class Councils

Article IV. Executive Council

Section 1: Requirements

In order to be elected to an Executive Council office, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School.
2. Be a junior or senior holding a Student Council office.
3. Be an evident Christian leader with the desire to serve the Associated Student Body and Staff of Rainier Christian High School.
4. Posses the willingness and ability to carry out the responsibilities for his or her position as outlined in this constitution.
5. Be free of any major and/or multiple disciplinary offenses, at the discretion of the administration.
6. Have at least a 3.0 grade point average, with no grades below "C" in the quarter preceding election.
7. Complete all application materials by the set deadline.
8. Pass an interview with the Executive Council.
9. Be approved by the Administration and Staff.
10. Receive at least 51 percent of the Associated Student Body vote at the Executive Council Elections.

Section 2: Responsibilities

1. The responsibilities of all Executive Council Officers include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Attend all regularly scheduled meetings.
 - b. Remain free of major and/or multiple disciplinary offenses.
 - c. Remain off of academic probation and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0.
 - d. Report to the Executive Advisors of their respective classes.
 - e. Report student committee progress to other Executive Officers.
 - f. Support other Student Council Officers.
 - g. Support decisions approved by the Administration and Staff.

- h. Support ASB sponsored activities and events.
 - i. Share in the assumption of responsibilities of unfilled Executive Council offices.
2. The responsibilities of the Executive President include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Call, run, and adjourn Executive Council, Full Executive Council, and Full Council meetings.
 - b. Set an agenda at least two days prior to each meeting. This agenda must be approved by the Executive Advisors and will be posted upon approval.
 - c. Serve as the official liaison between the Student Council and the Administration.
 - d. Initiate communication with the Administration, Executive Advisors, Executive Officers, and Class Presidents.
 - e. Oversee the work of all Student Council officers.
 - f. Oversee the work of Class Presidents.
 - g. Appoint committees to assist the Executive Council, if necessary.
 - h. Delegate tasks to Student Council officers or appointed committees.
 - i. Approve all Student Council decisions that affect the entire Associated Student Body.
 - j. Assist the Executive Vice-President.
3. The responsibilities of the Executive Vice-President include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Assume the role of Executive President in the Executive President's absence.
 - b. Plan or delegate the activities for returning Alumni at the Homecoming Games.
 - c. Plan or delegate the activities of Teacher Appreciation Week in May.
 - d. Oversee the work of Class Vice-Presidents.
 - e. Assist the Executive President.
4. The responsibilities of the Executive Chaplain include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Open and close Executive Council, Full Executive Council, and Full Council meetings in prayer.
 - b. Be available to lead prayer at school sponsored functions.
 - c. Notify Class Chaplains of the dates of their Class Chapels.
 - d. Aid the designated staff member in preparing weekly chapels and Spiritual Emphasis Weeks.
 - e. Aid the designated staff member in preparing all Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter celebrations or chapels.

- f. Organize a program for the student body on “See You at the Pole” Day in September and National Day of Prayer in May.
 - g. Oversee the work of Class Chaplains.
5. The responsibilities of the Executive Treasurer include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Prepare a yearly budget for the Student Council.
 - b. Supervise the collection and distribution of all Student Council monies with the assistance of the designated staff member.
 - c. Oversee ticket sales for Student Council sponsored events.
 - d. Issue a monthly financial statement to Student Council Advisors and Class Treasurers.
 - e. Keep accurate and neat financial records, including financial reports from events.
 - f. Support school fundraisers.
 - g. Oversee the work of Class Treasurers.
6. The responsibilities of the Executive Secretary include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Record all minutes from the Executive Council, Full Executive Council, and Full Council meetings. Minutes must be typed and posted at least two school days after each meeting.
 - b. Oversee all elements of ASB communication between the student body, staff, parents, and community.
 - c. Assist in preparing for and supervising Class Office elections.
 - d. Oversee the work of Class Secretaries.

Section 3: Powers

1. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to promote high spiritual, academic, and behavioral standards.
2. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to respectfully suggest changes to school policies, requiring the approval of the Full Council, Staff, Administration, and School Board.
3. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to propose amendments to the Constitution. (See Article X. “Amending the Constitution.”)
4. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to ratify the Constitution. (See Article XI. “Ratifying the Constitution.”)
5. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to charter all organizations of Rainier Christian High School. (See Article VIII. “Chartered Organizations.”)
6. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to facilitate the success of Class Council Officers and Advisors.

7. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to obtain full access, but not control to all Student Council Accounts and other essential information that directly affects the Student Body.
8. The Executive Council shall reserve the right to create and coordinate student activities and events.
9. Upon the administration's request, the Executive Council shall reserve the right to appoint an officer to represent and submit the views of the Associated Student Body at the writing of the Student Handbook or any other school documents directly affecting the Student Body.
10. The powers of the Executive Council shall not be usurped without the knowledge of the Executive Council.

Article V. Class Council

Section 1: Requirements

In order to be elected to a Class Council office, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School.
2. Be an evident Christian leader with the desire to serve the Associated Student Body and staff of Rainier Christian High School.
3. Possess the willingness and ability to carry out the responsibilities for his or her office, as outlined in this constitution.
4. Be free of any major and/or multiple disciplinary offenses, at the discretion of the administration.
5. Have at least a 2.5 GPA with no grades below "C," in the quarter preceding election.
6. Complete all application materials by the set deadline.
7. Pass an interview with the Executive Council.
8. Receive at least 51 percent of his or her class vote at the Class Council Elections.

Section 2: Responsibilities

1. The responsibilities of all Class Officers include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Attend all regularly scheduled meetings.
 - b. Remain off of academic probation and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5.
 - c. Report to Class Advisors of their respective classes.
 - d. Report student committee progress to other Class Officers of their respective classes.
 - e. Support other Class Officers.
 - f. Support decisions approved by the Administration, Staff, and Executive Council.

- g. Support ASB sponsored activities and events.
 - h. Remain free of major and/or multiple disciplinary offenses.
 - i. Represent the opinion of respective classes at Full Council meetings.
 - j. Share in the assumption of responsibilities of unfilled Class Council offices.
2. The responsibilities of the Class President include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Call, run, and chair Class Council meetings.
 - b. Set an agenda at least two days prior to each meeting. This agenda must be approved by the Class Advisors and will be posted upon approval.
 - c. Initiate communication with Class Advisors and Class Officers.
 - d. Oversee the work of Class Officers.
 - e. Appoint committees to assist the Class Council, if necessary.
 - f. Delegate tasks to Class Officers or committees.
 - g. Approve all Class Council decisions affecting the entire class.
 - h. Take all decisions affecting the entire Associated Student Body to the Executive Council for approval.
 - i. Assist the Class Vice-President.
 - j. Assist the Executive President.
3. The responsibilities of the Class Vice-President include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Assume the role of Class President in the Class President's absence.
 - b. Assist the Class President.
 - c. Assist the Executive Vice-President.
4. The responsibilities of the Class Chaplain include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Open and close Class Council meetings in prayer.
 - b. Be available to lead prayer at school sponsored functions.
 - c. Be aware of prayer needs in the class.
 - d. Oversee the preparation of Class Chapels on the dates specified by the Executive Chaplain.
 - e. Oversee Class Service Projects.
 - f. Assist the Executive Chaplain.
5. The responsibilities of the Class Treasurer include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Supervise the collection and distribution of Class Council monies, with the assistance of the designated staff member.
 - b. Give a monthly financial report at Class Council meetings.
 - c. Issue a monthly financial statement for the Class Account and provide a copy for the Executive Treasurer.
 - d. Keep accurate and neat financial records, including financial reports from events.
 - e. Lead the Class Council in the preparation of budgets.
 - f. Alert Executive Treasurer of any difficulties with Class Funds.
 - g. Oversee and support Class Fundraisers.
 - h. Assist the Executive Treasurer.
6. The responsibilities of the Class Secretary include, but are not limited to the following:
- a. Record all minutes from Class Council meetings. Minutes must be typed and posted at least two school days after each meeting.
 - b. Prepare a monthly bulletin board with a calendar of events for the month.
 - c. Assist the Executive Secretary.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Class Councils by Class

1. The Senior Class Council is responsible for the following:
 - a. Running the Grub Hub.
 - b. Planning the Junior/Senior Retreat, with the assistance of the Junior Class.
 - c. Planning Winterfest.
 - d. Reserving a Graduation venue.
 - e. Planning the Senior Trip.
2. The Junior Class Council is responsible for the following:
 - a. Assisting the Senior Class Council in planning the Junior/Senior Retreat.
 - b. Planning Prom.
 - c. Planning Senior Chapel.
 - d. Planning decorations and reception for Graduation.
 - e. Running Grub Hub once the Seniors leave.
3. The Sophomore Class Council is responsible for the following:
 - a. Planning Sadies.
4. The Freshman Class Council is responsible for the following:
 - a. Planning Tolo.

Section 4: Powers

1. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to promote high spiritual, academic, and behavioral standards.
2. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to respectfully suggest changes to school policies, requiring the approval of the Executive Council, Full Council, Staff, Administration, and School Board.
3. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to propose amendments to the Constitution. (See Article X. "Amending the Constitution.")
4. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to ratify to Constitution. (See Article XI. "Ratifying the Constitution.")
5. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to charter all organizations of Rainier Christian High School. (See Article VIII. "Chartered Organizations.")
6. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to create and coordinate student activities and events, requiring the approval Executive Council.
7. The Class Councils shall reserve the right to obtain full access, but not control to their respective Class Accounts and other essential information that directly affects their respective classes.
8. The powers of the Class Councils shall not be usurped without the knowledge of the Class Councils.

Article VI. Advisors

Section 1: Role of Advisors

Advisors shall supervise the Student Council. They are to oversee the work of Student Council Officers, observe the function of meetings, and submit their opinions when necessary.

Section 2: Responsibilities of Executive Advisors

1. Attend all scheduled Executive Council, Full Executive Council, and Full Council meetings. An Executive Advisor must be present in all official meetings.
2. Assist Executive Officers in correctly performing their tasks.
3. Approve all Executive decisions and expenses.
4. Make limitations before decisions are made.
5. Submit opinions when necessary.
6. Communicate with Executive Officers.
7. Plan Executive and Class Council Elections.
8. Monitor the work of Executive Officers and report problems to the Administration.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Class Advisors

1. Attend all scheduled Class Council and Full Council meetings. A Class Advisor must be present in all official meetings.
2. Assist Class Officers in correctly performing their tasks.

3. Aid Class Officers in planning and organizing activities and events.
4. Approve all class activities and expenses.
5. Approve all class decisions before they are presented to the Executive Council.
6. Make limitations before decisions are made.
7. Submit opinions when necessary.
8. Communicate with Class Officers.
9. Senior Class Advisors oversee the Graduation Rehearsal.
10. Monitor the work of Class Officers and report problems to the Administration.

Article VII. Elections

Section 1: Executive Council Elections

1. Executive Council Elections shall take place in late May.
2. All candidates for Executive Council offices shall present a speech to the entire student body.
3. All Associated Student Body members in good standing and enrolled in the following school year shall be eligible to vote in Executive Council Elections. (See Article II. "Membership")
4. Ballots shall be counted in the office by the Executive Advisors and Administration.

Section 2: Class Council Elections

1. Class Council Elections shall take place in late May.
2. Candidates for contested Class Council offices shall present a speech to their respective classes.
3. All Associated Student Body members in good standing and enrolled in the following school year shall be eligible to vote in their respective Class Council Elections. (See Article II. "Membership")
4. Ballots shall be counted in the office by the Administration and Executive Advisors.

Section 3: Emergency Elections

1. Emergency Elections shall take place in the event of a vacancy in a Student Council office.
2. The Administration and Executive Council Advisors shall conduct Emergency Elections.
3. For Emergency Executive Council Elections, the procedure shall follow that of Executive Council Elections. (See Article VII. Section 1 "Executive Council Elections")
4. For Emergency Class Council Elections, the procedure shall follow that of Class Council Elections. (See Article VII. Section 2 "Class Council Elections")

Article VIII. Chartered Organizations

1. ASB chartered organizations shall be those campus organizations possessing a charter issued by the Executive Council and obeying the provisions of this constitution.
2. An organization shall be considered chartered when its constitution and reasons for seeking a charter are approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Full Council. This vote must be approved by the Administration.
3. An ASB chartered organization must fulfill the following responsibilities:
 - a. Perform at least one school service every school year.
 - b. Abide by the Student Handbook of Rainier Christian High, by this Constitution of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School, and by the constitution of the organization.
4. If a chartered organization fails to meet any of the qualifications listed above, the Full Council upon recommendation from the Executive Council may revoke the charter by a two-thirds majority vote. This vote must be approved by the Administration.
5. A charter will be considered permanent unless revoked by the Full Council.
6. Only ASB chartered organizations will be permitted to meet on campus.
7. Only ASB chartered organizations will be permitted to raise money on campus or at student activities.
8. Any and all monies raised by an organization must be spent on the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School or approved charitable organizations.
9. Any unclaimed funds will be claimed by the general ASB account.
10. All chartered organizations are required to submit an annual budget to the student council. Failure to submit a budget may result in the account being temporarily frozen until the budget is submitted.

Article IX. Probation & Removal from Office

1. Student Council Officers who violate the responsibilities of their offices will be put on probation or removed from office at the discretion of the Advisors and Administration. (See Article IV. Section 2 “Responsibilities” for the Executive Council and Article V. Section 2 “Responsibilities” for Class Councils.)
2. Students put on probation will be given a period of time to correct their violation. Failure to correct their violation may lead to removal from office.

Article X. Amending the Constitution

1. Amendments shall be proposed to the Student Council at a called Constitutional Meeting.
2. A Draft Committee shall be formed to draft proposed amendments.
3. When the proposed amendment is drafted, the Full Council shall vote on the adoption of the amendment. A two-thirds majority vote is required.
4. Upon approval by the Full Council, the adopted amendment shall be presented to the Staff of Rainier Christian High School and approved by a two-thirds majority vote.

5. Upon approval by the Staff, the adopted amendment shall be presented to the Administration for approval.
6. Upon approval by the Administration, the adopted amendment shall be presented to the Associated Student Body for final approval.
7. Upon approval by the Associated Student Body, the adopted amendment shall be officially enacted into the Constitution of the Associated Student Body of Rainier Christian High School.

Article XI. Ratifying the Constitution

1. The constitution drafted by the Executive Council shall be presented to the Full Council at a called Constitutional Meeting.
2. Student Council Officers and Advisors shall be given the opportunity to present any concerns with the constitution.
3. Student Council Officers and Advisors shall vote to approve the constitution. It must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote.
4. Upon approval by the Full Council, the constitution shall be presented to the Staff of Rainier Christian High School and approved by a two-thirds majority vote.
5. Upon approval by the Staff of Rainier Christian High School, the constitution shall be presented to the Administration for approval.
6. Upon approval by the Administration, the constitution shall be submitted to the Associated Student Body for final approval. A majority vote is required.
7. Upon approval by the Associated Student Body, the constitution shall be considered ratified.

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