

Haywood Community College
Student Government Association

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the students of Haywood Community College, in order to promote in each student a personal responsibility for their college and country and to accept their responsibilities as American citizens; to foster a spirit of cooperation among students, faculty, and staff; to maintain the good reputation of the college by upholding high standards of personal conduct; to develop wise leadership; to promote a spirit of high scholarship, character, and service; and to promote a better opportunity for constructively working out the problems of the school, do hereby organize this Student Government Association and establish this Constitution for Haywood Community College.

Article 1- Name:

Section 1: The name of this association shall be the Haywood Community College Student Government Association.

Article 2- Membership:

Section 1: Membership shall be composed of the student body of Haywood Community College.

Article 3- Purpose:

Section 1: The Student Government Association shall be responsible for making the requests and recommendations to the administration that reflect the needs of the student body.

Section 2: The Student Government Association shall assist the Student Government Advisor with planning events and projects that reflect the ideas and opinions of the student body.

Section 3: The Student Government Association shall pass initial approval of all newly formed student organizations.

Article 4- Relationship to College Administration:

Section 1: The student body recognizes that any authority vested in the student body with reference to the administration of the college is a delegated authority, and is given either from the action of the Board of Trustees or from the voluntary action of the President. Any regulations emanating from the Board or from the President shall be regarded as authoritative, unless and until the regulations have been altered or canceled by the Board or the President.

Section 2: Whenever a conflict arises between the Student Government Association and any other segment of Haywood Community College's Administration except for the President, who shall overrule the Student Government Association, the issue will be referred to the President, whose decision shall be final and binding.

Section 3: The President of Haywood Community College shall have the power to veto and the power to reverse any Student Government Association decisions.

Section 4: The President of Haywood Community College may at any time call a special session of the Student Government Association.

Article 5- Organization:

Section 1: Officers of the Haywood Community College Student Government Association will consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary, and will be elected by the Haywood Community College student body.

Section 2: The legislative body shall consist of students appointed from within the various curricula and approved by the Student Government Association to represent their curriculum, and one student from each sanctioned campus organization. These students shall be referred to as “Representatives.”

Section 3: The duties of Student Government Association officers and representatives and the procedure for election shall be detailed in the Student Government Association Constitution by-laws.

Article 6- Impeachment:

Section 1: Any member of the Student Government Association who meets the criteria for good standing as outlined in of the Constitution’s by-laws, or any member of the Haywood Community College Administration, may bring impeachment charges against any officer or representative of the Student Government Association. The charges must be presented to the Dean of Student Services in writing, signed, and with given reasons for wishing to dispose of the official.

Section 2: Upon receipt of a charge of impeachment, a Board of Impeachment will determine whether the charges should be taken to the Student Government Association representatives for a vote. The Board of Impeachment shall consist of the President of Haywood Community College, Dean of Student Services, Student Government Association Advisor, and members of the standing Student Government Association Student Conduct Committee. Conviction of the charges will be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the combined Board of Impeachment and Student Government Association representatives.

Section 3: In the event of conviction, the official will be relieved of his or her duties and will be replaced in the normal her manner outlined in the Constitution’s by-laws. The convicted official, in addition to being relieved of his or position, may not hold any other public office at Haywood Community College.

Section 4: In the event of an acquittal of the charges, the accused cannot be tried on the same charges for a second time for the same offense.

Article 7- Amendments:

Section 1: Any amendment to this constitution must be approved by a simple (51%) majority vote of the Student Government Association representatives following a reading of the proposed amendment at two consecutive meetings. The amendments must also have approval of the Haywood Community College Executive Advisory Committee.

Article 8- Ratification:

Section 1: This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Body of Haywood Community College upon approval of the President of Haywood Community College.

Section 2: This constitution shall go into effect immediately upon ratification, and signature by the President of Haywood Community College, Dean of Student Services, Student Government Association Chief Advisor, and current Student Government Association President. Date of signature shall be recorded along with each signature.