



Haywood Community College
Student Government Association

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The Student Government Association (SGA) serves as a bridge between the student body and HCC's administration. The SGA captures the needs, wants, and ideas of the students of HCC and formulates a strategy to implement them into practice. SGA officers, alongside the Coordinator of Student Life, plan student-centric events to enhance the overall experience of HCC. The SGA aims to foster a spirit of cooperation among students, faculty, and staff; to maintain the excellent 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.

Article 1- Name:

The name of this association shall be the Haywood Community College Student Government Association (SGA).

Article 2- Membership:

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

Article 3- Purpose:

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

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

Section C: The Student Government Association shall collect student feedback about the formation of new clubs and report their findings to the Coordinator of Student Life.

Article 4- Relationship to College Administration:

Section A: The student body recognizes that any authority vested in the Student Government Association regarding 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 the President shall be regarded as authoritative unless and until the regulations have been altered or canceled by the Board or the President.

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

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

Article 5- Organization:

Section A: Officers of the Haywood Community College Student Government Association will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Ambassadors. The Haywood Community College student body will elect the officers, and the Ambassadors will be qualified students selected by the Director of Student Wellness, Coordinator of Student Life, and Student Life & Wellness Specialist.

Section B: Every club has the right to appoint an SGA representative who will be the link between their organization and the SGA. These students shall be referred to as “SGA Representatives.” SGA representatives should be the primary communicators between their respective clubs and the SGA.

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

Article 6- Dismissal:

Section A: Any member of the Student Government Association who meets the criteria for good standing as outlined in the Constitution’s by-laws or any Haywood Community College Administration member may bring dismissal suggestions against any officer or Ambassador of the Student Government Association. The charges must be presented to the Coordinator of Student Life in writing, signed, and with given reasons for wishing to dismiss the official.

Section B: Upon a dismissal suggestion, the Director of Student Wellness, Coordinator of Student Life, and Student Life & Wellness Specialist will determine whether action should be taken.

Section C: In the event of a dismissal, the official will be relieved of their duties and replaced as outlined in the Constitution’s by-laws. In addition to being relieved of their position, the dismissed official may not hold any other public office at Haywood Community College.

Article 7- Amendments & Ratification

The Coordinator of Student Life, with the approval of the Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, has the right to edit this document at any time for any reason. If any changes are made to this document, the current members of SGA must be notified immediately.