



Preamble

We believe that the High School of Applied Communication Student Government is an educational instrument designed to provide actual learning experiences in leadership and opportunities for practicing the qualities of good citizenship necessary for effective membership in a democratic society.



Article I: Name

The name of this organization should be the HSAC Student Government to represent the student body of the High School of Applied Communication.

Article II: Objective/ Purpose

The purpose of this student government is to:

- Provide opportunities for the training of leaders, the practice of good citizenship, and the promotion of democracy as a way of life.
- Aid HSAC students by establishing and maintaining an effective school climate that celebrates academic and extracurricular success.
- Create a unity between the ideas of administration and students.
- Provide a medium of exchange for ideas, activities, and problems.
- Conduct activities that will stimulate the involvement of the student body.
- Promote positive respect for the school and the community.

Article III: Qualification for Student Government Officers and Members

Section A:

- All students of the High School of Applied Communication are essentially members of Student Government; therefore, any ideas and opinions are encouraged and welcomed by the Student Council.

- The Student Council shall be composed of the advisor, Ms. Hu, and the following voting positions:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Two Event Coordinators
 - 9th Grade Representative
 - 10th Grade Representative
 - 11th Grade Representative
 - 12th Grade Representative
- Student Government shall also be composed of members from the student body who have not been elected but regularly involve themselves in meetings and activities, although do not have voting privileges.

Section B:

- A Student Council Officer/Representative may be removed from his/her position for:
 - Failure to attend meetings.
 - Being absent or unexcused for three or more meetings.
 - Failure to represent his/her group fairly.
 - Failure to carry out his/her responsibilities to the council/ school.
 - Failure to comply with school department regulations or performance of actions which are harmful to the welfare of the school.
- Student Council members who fail to fulfill the responsibilities to which they were elected will face possible removal from Student Government. Prior to such proceedings the following process will occur:
 - Verbal warning from Ms. Hu.
 - Written warning from Ms. Hu.
 - Written notification of impeachment.
- A student may be removed from his/her position by a unanimous vote of the Council.
 - Any member of the student government may request for the impeachment of a student council representative. The student in question will receive a verbal warning from the advisor, Ms. Hu. If said council member is brought up for impeachment again, the student will receive written notification from the advisor and will have an opportunity to be heard at the following meeting. The Student Council will hear the indictment and arguments of the individual brought up for impeachment, and on the following week, the council will deliberate and make a decision.

Article IV: Nominations and Elections:

Elected representatives must be role models and active citizens in good academic standing. They are responsible for exemplifying school spirit and encouraging that same spirit in the rest of the student body.

1. Students desiring to campaign for any office must file their names with Ms. Hu the advisor of the Student Government prior to the deadline chosen by the committee. No nomination will be accepted after this time.
2. All students desiring to campaign and have filed their name with Ms. Hu, must attain the signature of fifty students, five teachers and two administrators from the school to endorse their candidacy.
3. All students desiring to campaign must have at least an 80 average.
4. There shall be one week of campaigning prior to the election under the direction and supervision of the Council and Ms. Hu.
5. Speeches shall be given via loudspeaker.
6. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
7. A simple majority vote shall be required for the election.
8. A tally of the votes and announcement of winners will be made by the Student Government council.
9. Election rules may be changed in special cases by vote of the Student Council.
10. One cannot run for two or more positions on the Student Council.
11. Elections will be held towards the end of the year.

Article V: Campaign Rules

If these rules are **NOT** followed, you are disqualified from the campaign.

1. Only positive promoting of yourself to win votes.
2. No ripping or destroying other people's campaign materials.
3. 40 dollars is your maximum budget to spend on your campaign – collect receipts for anything you buy to prove that you did not go over budget.
4. No stickers allowed because they cause too much property damage.
5. Candidates are responsible for ALL campaign materials to be removed from the walls before the day of the election.
6. Speeches must be written and approved by Ms. Hu and Ms. Levine before speeches are made to the student body. Speeches will be limited to ONE minute to a minute and a half.
7. Campaigning cannot happen during class time.
8. Campaigning in or out of school, including use of internet must follow all of the above rules and regulations.

Article V: Duties and Responsibilities of the Student Government Officers and Members

1. The President
 - a. The internal and external representative of the student body.
 - b. Prepares an agenda in collaboration with the executive board and facilitates each weekly meeting.
 - c. Brings any student concerns up at the Consultative Council Meetings each month.
 - d. Is a liaison between the students and administration.
 - e. Attending meetings in order to keep informed about any changes that affect the school.
 - f. Actively participates in the organization and facilitation of all school events.
2. The Vice President
 - a. Helps to plan and promote events.

- b. Attends BSAC meetings.
 - c. Leads the meetings along with the President and Ms. Hu.
 - d. Acts as President or Treasurer or Secretary if they cannot make the meetings.
 - e. Makes announcements and informs every one of meetings for Student Government.
3. The Treasurer
- a. Responsible for all money rose for Student Government activities.
 - b. Have account how much money is made and bookkeeping of Student Government accounts.
 - c. In charge of ticket money and selling of tickets for school events.
 - d. Has to work closely with other members to execute events.
 - e. Works with Ms. DeMarco to deposit or store money safely and get reimbursements for money spent by members.
4. The Secretary
- a. Keeps contact list of all Student Government members.
 - b. Takes the minutes (notes) of everything that happened during the Student Government meeting, including the attendees, and send a copy to all members, the Student Government supervisor, and Ms. Levine.
 - c. Takes attendance at each meeting.
 - d. Keeps a binder with a print out of all Student Government related documents, flyers, etc.
 - e. Helps with Student Government events and keeps a record of all decisions.
 - f. Schedules the consultative meeting with the Principal of the school.
5. The Event Coordinators
- a. Attends all Student Government meetings
 - b. Manages the delegation, planning and execution of school activities and events.
 - c. Participates in student activities and encourages student feedback.
 - d. Plan field trips and/ or events for the students in the whole school.
6. The 12th Grade, 11th Grade, 10th Grade and 9th Grade Representatives
- a. Attends School Leadership Team(SLT) meetings as a student representative (missing three meetings can result in removal from position)
 - b. Listen to their students and what they want to see happen in the school.
 - c. Answer questions for Student Government.
 - d. Encourage student in their grade to participate in school events.
 - e. Attend weekly student Government meetings.
 - f. Work with the other grade representatives to make a better school.
 - g. Plan field trip and/or events for the student in their grade.
- *When running for a grade representative you are also running for a spot on the School Leadership Team (SLT). SLT meets once a month after school to represent students for HSAC. SLT student representatives will have a vote along with administrators, teachers, and parents, on decisions made about the school.