

**Honolulu Community College
Student Government
Constitution**

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of Hawai'i – Honolulu Community College, by the authority of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, in order to be the voice of students, cultivate engaged citizens, foster student success, make a positive difference for the student experience and impact meaningful positive change, do hereby establish this Constitution for the students of the University Hawai'i - Honolulu Community College.

ARTICLE I: Name

1. The name of this organization is: Honolulu Community College Student Government (HCC SG).

ARTICLE II: Purpose

1. The purpose of Honolulu Community College Student Government is to:
 - a. Be the voice of students
 - b. Cultivate engaged citizens
 - c. Foster student success
 - d. Make a positive difference for the student experience
 - e. Impact meaningful, positive change

ARTICLE III: Membership

1. Regular Members
 - a. Includes student fee-paying students currently enrolled at Honolulu Community College
 - b. Regular members have voting rights.
 - c. Regular members may apply for leadership positions.
2. Affiliate members
 - a. The Coordinating Collective may choose to include affiliate members.
 - b. Affiliate members may include but is not limited to those that identify as part of the Honolulu Community College student community such as
 - i. Non fee-paying students currently enrolled at Honolulu Community College such as non-credit students
 - ii. Previously enrolled students and alumni of Honolulu Community College
 - iii. Student employees at Honolulu Community College
 - c. Affiliate members do not have voting rights.
 - d. Affiliate members are authorized with each term of Student Government.

ARTICLE IV: Equal Opportunity

1. In conjunction with State and Federal laws, the Honolulu Community College Student Government may not discriminate in any endeavor based solely on sex, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, physical ability, or political affiliation.

ARTICLE IV: Leadership

1. HCC SG is led by a collective, non-hierarchical structure known the Coordinating Collective. Additional leaders known as Representatives may assist.
2. Coordinating collective
 - a. Coordinators
 - i. The Coordinating Collective may vary in the number of coordinators.
 - ii. Coordinators should be added as needed to reasonably coordinate the necessary regular functions of the organization. Such as Fiscal Coordinator, Student Communications Coordinator, Operations Coordinator, etc.
 - iii. The Honolulu Community College Bylaws should reflect the choices of roles and responsibilities for each term year.
3. Representatives
 - a. Representatives may vary in the number and may be added as needed to reasonably address Student Government responsibilities.
 - b. The Honolulu Community College Bylaws should reflect the direction of choices for each term year.
 - c. Representatives are active members who regularly attend meetings and accept responsibilities.
 - d. Representatives have support roles such as attending committee meetings, supporting events and conducting research.
4. Qualifications
 - a. Leaders must be Regular Members.
 - b. Leaders must be in verified good standing academically and behaviorally.
5. Selection
 - a. The Coordinating Collective and Representatives will be chosen through an application and interview process.
 - b. The process with involve advisors and student leaders on the selection board.
6. Terms
 - a. Coordinators have one year terms from May to May.
 - b. Representatives have one semester terms and can be renewed by the consensus of the Coordinating Collective.
7. Advisors
 - a. The designated campus advisor may be assisted by additional faculty/staff.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

1. Meetings are recommended to be held on a weekly basis during the academic year.
2. A minimum of monthly meetings should be held.
3. All meetings are open to all members unless prohibited by policy or law.
4. Quorum for meetings is 50%+1 of the Coordinators.
5. Meeting will be led by a facilitator who leads discussion with the goal of reaching decisions with full consensus. Majority voting may be used when necessary.

ARTICLE VII: Finances

1. The organization is responsible for the administration and allocation of the student fees in the best interest of the students of Honolulu Community College.
2. This must be in compliance with all University of Hawaii policies.

3. Fee allocation procedures will be specified in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: Conflict Resolution

1. When a member believes another member has engaged in conduct detrimental to the organization, the first step is to address it civilly with the other member.
2. If needed, the second step is to bring the conflict to the attention of the advisor for mediation.
3. If the conduct violates any campus behavioral standards, the issue will be referred to the Dean of Students or designated representative.


ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

1. Recommended amendments must be made at a regular meeting and may not be voted on by the Collective until the subsequent meeting.
2. Amendments that the Collective approves will be presented to the student body for confirmation by majority vote.
3. The constitution may be amended by a vote of the majority of voters.


APPROVALS:

Verification of Ratification by Honolulu Community College student body, April 19, 2017

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