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## The CCSGA Constitution

### PREAMBLE

The Colorado College Student Government Association (CCSGA) gives students a crucial role in the campus-wide development of an enriching college experience. The CCSGA strives to make life at Colorado College not only intellectual, but also enjoyable and meaningful. As a source of support for student organizations and events, a forum for cooperative action and a voice calling for progress, the CCSGA is dedicated to the improvement of Colorado College and is driven by the passion and determination of its students. The following is the official Constitution of the CCSGA.

### Article I. NAME, MEMBERSHIP, AND LEGAL STATUS

Section 1.01 The CCSGA is a democratically elected body representing all students currently enrolled at Colorado College. The CCSGA is a non-profit organization under the laws of the state of Colorado.

### Article II. AUTHORITY

Section 2.01 The powers of the CCSGA, outlined in this Constitution, have been delegated to it by the President of Colorado College under the authority of the Board of Trustees.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CCSGA

Section 3.01 The CCSGA shall be comprised of a Full Council and an Executive Council.

Section 3.02 Executive Council shall be comprised of the President, the Vice President of Outreach, the Vice President of Student Life, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Internal Affairs, and the Vice President of Inclusion.

Section 3.03 Full Council shall be comprised of the following elected members:

- a. Four Finance Representatives, elected at-large.
- b. Three First Year Representatives, elected by the corresponding class year.
- c. Two Sophomore Representatives, elected by the corresponding class year.
- d. Two Junior Representatives, elected by the corresponding class year.
- e. Two Senior Representatives, elected by the corresponding class year.
- f. Four Inclusion Officers, elected at-large.
- g. Four Inclusion Committee Representatives, elected at-large. If the Vice President of Inclusion identifies a compelling and exigent need for additional Inclusion Committee Members, the Vice

President of Inclusion may nominate a Heads of State Representative to serve on the Inclusion Committee. Once confirmed by a two-thirds majority of Full Council, and with the permission of the Chair of the committee from which the nominee will be withdrawing, that Representative will serve on Inclusion Committee until the next Full Council Election.

h. One faculty member, who will be determined by the Faculty Executive Committee prior to the first CCSGA meeting and who will be designated as the Faculty Advisor, a position with no voting privileges.

#### Article IV. POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 4.01 The CCSGA has both the power and the duty to do the following:

- a. Consider and address matters of student interest and concern.
- b. Determine the status of student organizations, as defined under Article VII.
- c. Establish committees to execute its policies and provide for its needs.
- d. Determine the rules of its proceedings in its Bylaws.

Section 4.02 Quorum for both Executive Council and Full Council shall be defined as 2/3rds of the total membership of their respective bodies.

Section 4.03 Nothing in this Constitution of the CCSGA is meant to constrict the authority of the faculty or the administration on matters relating to their responsibilities as assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.04 All student members of the CCSGA have one vote, with the exception of the President, who may only vote in order to break a tie.

Section 4.05 The CCSGA President and Vice President of Finance are not permitted to serve concurrently as Editor-in-Chief or Business Manager of any Cutler Board publication, president of a social sorority or fraternity, or president of any organization soliciting funds from the CCSGA.

Section 4.06 The President presides over the Executive Council.

Section 4.07 Each Vice President is the chair of their respective committee.

#### Article V. ELECTIONS

Section 5.01 The Internal Affairs Committee will run Full and Executive Council Elections.

#### Article VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 6.01 Normally, the chair of each committee has only one vote. In the case of a tie, however, the chair must break the tie with one additional vote. Unlike the chairs of the other standing committees, the Vice President of Finance may only vote in order to break a tie.

Section 6.02 The President shall appoint three Class Representatives each to the Outreach, Student Life, and Internal Affairs. The President shall also appoint one Heads of State representative to each of those committees.

Section 6.03 The President of the CCSGA has the power to refer any matter they deem worthy of attention to the committee of their choice.

Section 6.04 Quorum for standing committees will be sixty percent; the committee chair must also be present to conduct business.

Section 6.05 Prior to the end of the academic year, a standing Committee on Compensation must decide the monetary compensation, if any, that the Executive Council, the other CCSGA members, and any staff will receive for the following year. This standing Committee shall consist of five outgoing CCSGA as well as the CCSGA faculty and staff advisors. Under no circumstance should CCSGA members be setting their own salary for the coming year.

## Article VII. CERTIFICATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Section 7.01 The Student Life Committee oversees the certification and revocation of certification of student organizations.

## Article VIII: IMPEACHMENT AND REPLACEMENT

Section 8.01 Any call to impeach a member of the CCSGA must be presented to the Internal Affairs Committee. Whether by impeachment, resignation, or any other reason, vacancies on the Executive and Full Councils will be filled by the Internal Affairs Committee.

## Article IX. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section 9.01 Unless it violates the CCSGA Constitution or its Bylaws, any matter may be brought to the attention of the CCSGA by a student during a regularly scheduled meeting. Unless it violates any regulations of this Constitution, the result of a referendum is binding.

## Article X. RESERVE FUND AND ROLLOVER FUND

Section 10.01 The CCSGA must maintain a Reserve Fund of \$5000, to be used only for what is determined an emergency.

Section 10.02 The CCSGA must also maintain a Rollover Fund, made up of leftover funds from the CCSGA and its certified organizations, to be used for programs and initiatives that the Executive Council and CCSGA deem necessary.

## Article XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 11.01 Any proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the Vice President of Internal Affairs for a presentation to the Internal Affairs Committee. The Internal Affairs Committee will then make a recommendation to the CCSGA at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 11.02 In order to be passed, a proposed amendment to the Constitution must receive a two-thirds majority vote at two consecutive meetings of the CCSGA.

Section 11.03 If a proposed amendment is passed, it must be sent to the President of Colorado College for approval before it is made part of the Constitution. However, CCSGA may adopt, without the President's approval, non-substantive amendments, such as amendments that solely revise the language but not the substance of the Constitution, and amendments that reform the CCSGA's internal operations but do not affect the structure of CCSGA nor substantive rights, responsibilities, and procedures.

Section 11.04 If a proposed Constitutional amendment does not receive a two-thirds majority vote at either of the two consecutive meetings, the amendment is defeated through the end of the academic year.

## Article XII. RATIFICATION

Section 12.01 A simple majority of the votes cast by students in a campus-wide referendum, the consent of the President of the Colorado College, and the consent of the Board of Trustees is sufficient for the establishment of this document as the official Constitution of the CCSGA.

## Article XIII. BYLAWS

Section 13.01 The Bylaws of the CCSGA must be reviewed annually by the Executive Council prior to the first full meeting of the CCSGA in Block 2.

- a. The Bylaws must be presented to the CCSGA for approval at the first scheduled meeting following the election of a Full Council. Before voting to approve the Bylaws recommended by the Executive Council, the CCSGA may vote to amend them. A simple majority is required to approve the Bylaws.
- b. The Bylaws approved at the first CCSGA meeting will remain the same for the remainder of the academic year.
- c. The Bylaws must be approved before any other CCSGA business can take place.

Section 13.02 The following are guidelines that must be followed during review of the CCSGA Bylaws:

- a. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised should be used when conducting the business of the CCSGA. However, any rule or regulation specified in this Constitution or its Bylaws takes precedence over Robert's Rules.
- b. A policy regarding absenteeism must be included.
- c. A permanent schedule of meeting places and times must be included.
- d. Rules for meetings must be established in the following areas: voting procedures, debate limitations, the rights and privileges of non-CCSGA members at meetings, and anything else that is deemed necessary for running the meetings of the CCSGA.
- e. Clear discipline policies for infractions committed against this Constitution and its Bylaws must be included.