

Campus Greens Constitution

We, the students at Saddleback College, do hereby form the organization known as the Campus Greens. We will exist for the purpose of allowing a forum where the agenda of third party political groups, and those politically oppressed by governments that represent only the few and not the people which give it its power, can be freely advocated and pursued with conviction.

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I. Name of organization: The organization shall be known as the Campus Greens.

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III. Qualification/Criteria for selecting membership: Enrolled students at Saddleback College who agree with the purpose and object of this organization.

Membership will never be denied to any person, of whom already meets the above requirements,

because of political affiliation with another political party; or lack of affiliation with any political

party. Members are not obligated to pay any dues. Members are expected to attend all scheduled

meetings called by the President.

IV. Non-Discrimination Clause: The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of

the College and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with

policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures

provided by the College. The organization is a viable, functioning

organization. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

V. Duties and privileges of membership:

VI. Non voting or representing membership: the Campus Greens will allow graduate students,

transferred students, alumni, and members of the community, whom are not currently enrolled students at Saddleback College, to be known as associate members. Associate members are permitted to

attend meetings and events, but are not permitted to vote, run for office, or represent the Campus Greens in manners concerning the University. The role of associate members is to offer guidance and assistance to the activities of the Campus Greens.

VII. Executive Board:

Section 1: President - This organization shall have a president with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The president shall be responsible for the registration of the Campus Greens with the Inter Club Counsel and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization. The president will help to appoint all standing special committees.

Section 2: Vice-President – The Vice President shall serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns.

The vice President should also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the ICC and business promotions. The Vice President will receive information from other ICC approved clubs and the Activities and Student Governance through attending ICC meetings.

Section 3: Treasurer – The treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The treasurer shall sign any checks written by the organization for the purpose of the organization and maintain all group ledgers. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting allocations from the allocation board.

Section 4: Secretary – The secretary shall record the events of all meetings of the organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. The Secretary should also maintain the membership list and email database.

Section 5: Public Relations Chair – The Public Relations Chair shall be responsible for

promotion of the group and their events. This would include making posters, flyers, and brochures, updating web page information, entering information on to the University Events web page, and submitting press releases to the appropriate media.

Section 6: Qualifications for Executive Board Members –

Any potential Executive Board Members must be able to serve for a full calendar year.

Section 7: Election of Executive Board Members – Elections for Executive Board

Members will be held in a manner of secret ballot. Nominations must be made one meeting previous to the election meeting. Both associate members and regular members may nominate any person meeting the Executive Board Member requirements stated above.

Section 8: Officer Transition - Elections will be held in the middle of the Spring

semester. The Executive Board cycle will last from May 1 st – May 1 st the following year.

This will allow the previous Executive Board to train the new officers. This will also give the new Executive Board the summer to attend leadership seminars and orientations.

Section 9: Resignations - Executive Board members may resign from their positions at

any time. When this occurs, members may inform the Executive Board of their interest

in the position and another private ballot election will occur at the next meeting.

Section 10: Procedure for Disciplining/ Removal of Officers – If the membership feels

that a member of the Executive Board committed an act which should render his or her

resignation, the following procedure will determine his fate:

1) At an official meeting the chapter will vote by secret ballot whether this matter is of such importance that the Executive Board should appoint a committee made up of 6 random members who will investigate this matter further.

2) If the membership chooses not to pursue this matter any further, than the Issue will be dropped immediately. If the membership does decide to pursue the matter, than the Executive Board(excluding the person(s) in question) will appoint 7 random members whom willingly choose to investigate the allegation(s).

3) Within the period between two meetings the special committee will conduct

interviews with certain people whose testimony is considered crucial in either creating an indictment or clearing the member(s) name.

4) The special committee will report it's findings to the Executive Board prior

to the next meeting, stating their opinion on the allegation(s). At the next meeting the special committee will report it's findings to the members of the organization. After the findings have been reported, the chapter will vote by show of hands whether it is necessary to vote on the standing of the member in question.

5) If the member's decide by show of hands that it is not necessary to vote on

the fate of the member in question, the issue will be dropped and the allegation(s) dissolved. If the member's decide that it is necessary to vote on the member(s) fate, then a secret ballot will ensue and a verdict determined.

6) Special circumstances: If those being initially charged by the membership consist of the entire Executive Board, then the Faculty Advisor will appoint the special committee. The special committee will report to the faculty advisor prior to the meeting.

VIII. Meetings: The Campus Greens will hold general meetings weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the student lounge during the school year. The President has the authority to call and cancel meetings when appropriate(ex: The President may want to hold meetings every week during a national election cycle). The Executive Board

will meet half an hour prior to the General meeting. All members are allowed to attend Executive Board meetings.

IX. Dues: There are no dues required to be a member of the Campus Greens.

X. By-Laws: The organization shall establish by-laws to carry out the policies set forth in this

Constitution. A 2/3 vote or simple majority is generally required to approve by-laws or changes in

existing by-laws.

XI. Procedures for decision making: The Campus Greens will look to the Roberts Rules of Order to govern the organization in cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the by-laws or the special rules of order of this society.

XII. Establishment of Committees:

XIII. Selection of an Advisor: A faculty advisor will be selected on the following premises. The advisor must have a political conscious which coincides with the agendas of the Campus Greens. An interested advisor can approach the organization, or he/she may be asked by the membership to represent The Campus Greens as it's faculty advisor. The advisor must be selected by a majority rules vote of the membership.

XIV. Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct: The Saddleback College shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

XV. Define a quorum: 45% of the full-time membership must be present at a meeting for the organization to vote on matters concerning the Campus Greens.

XVI. Rules For Ratifying the Constitution: Requires a 2/3 or simple majority vote of the organization and approval by the Activities and Programs Office.

XVII. Rules for Amending the Constitution: Requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership and advance notice to all the members of the proposed change.