Constitution

Purpose

We, the students of Olympic College, recognize the need for self-representation to initiate and promote student involvement in matters of concern to the student body. Therefore, we establish the Student Government of Olympic College to act as the democratic voice of the students and to engage the campus community through programming, services, and advocacy in accordance with the college mission. With these statements, we hereby ordain and establish this constitution and its By-Laws.

Authority and Powers

The authority to create this constitution and governing documents is required by RCW 42.30.205 and approved by the Board of Trustees of Olympic College. This document establishes the grounds which govern the lawful, ethical, and equitable distribution of student funds; creation and implementation of campus programming; and matters of policy and legislation affecting the student body of Olympic College.

Article I. Name

Section 1: The Student Government of Olympic College
The name of this governing body is the Student Government of Olympic College –referred to in this document as the SGOC.

Article II. Membership of Student Body

Section 1: Members
All currently enrolled Olympic College students are members of the Student Body and are granted the rights and privileges in this constitution and its By-Laws.

Article III. Branches of Student Government
Section 1: Executive Council:
Positions in the SGOC Executive Council will be President, Vice President, Director of Clubs and Student Life, Director of Finance and Operations, and Director of Public Relations and Communications.

Section 2: Student Senate:
Members of the Student Senate will represent various constituencies from the Olympic College community. The Student Senate will follow the responsibilities outlined in the By-Laws and Senate Handbook.

Section 3: Club Congress:
Each chartered club will designate a representative to serve on Club Congress and vote on their behalf. Members of Club Congress will follow the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Club Handbook.

Section 4: Olympic College Activities Board:
The Olympic College Activities Board will be made up of students responsible for creating student-focused activities and programming to meet the diverse cultural, social, and recreational needs of the student body. The Olympic College Activities Board will consist of appointed activity coordinators and will include representatives from the Bremerton, Poulsbo and Shelton campuses.

Article IV. Appointment and Selection

Section 1: All positions will be selected and appointed through a process outlined in the By-Laws.

Article V. Voting

Section 1: Quorum:
Quorum is met when two-thirds of voting members are present to vote.

Section 2: Voting Rights:
A- Student Body: In special elections, all members of the student body will have one vote.
B- SGOC Branch Members (as defined in Article III): Within their respective committees and groups, full voting rights are granted to all members of the Executive Council, the Student Senate, Club Congress, as well as members of committees established by the Executive Council; these will include, but are not limited to, the Student Tech Fee Committee, the Student Service and Activities Fee Committee, the Judicial and Constitutional Review Board, etc.

Section 3: Advisor(s) and Voting:
Advisors will not have voting powers on any of the committees or councils they are a member of in an advisory capacity.

Article VI. Term of Office

Section 1: Start of Term:
Terms for all Branch Members will start on the second week of August or as directed by the SGOC Advisor.

Section 2: End of Term:
All terms end consistent with the Olympic College guidelines for Student Employees, or June 30. At the end of the term all positions will be up for reappointment.

Section 3: Term Limits:
Individuals will serve no more than two full terms on the Executive Council not including mid-term appointments. Total term length is not to exceed three academic years.

Section 4: Executive Council Positions:
SGOC Executive Council Members may not hold more than one Branch Member position at a time except for committee positions.

Section 5: Resignation:
If a SGOC employee wishes to resign their position, a letter of intent regarding the resignation must be submitted to the Student Government of Olympic College Advisor.

Section 6: Removal from Office:
A. All SGOC Executive Council officers must abide by OC employment guidelines for student employees.
B. Any SGOC Executive Council officer may be removed from office for any of the following offenses:
   1. Dereliction of duty
   2. Ethical violation of office duties or position
   3. Failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative and/or quarterly GPA or meet the minimum credit requirements
   4. Violation of the Olympic College Student Code of Conduct
   5. Excessive unexcused absences from Student Government meetings required for the position
C. Dismissal of an officer for any of the reasons in Article VI, Section 6-B will follow the Judicial and Constitutional Review Board Process outlined in the By-Laws.

Section 7: Vacancy:
In the event of a mid-term vacancy, the SGOC will convene as soon as possible to select a candidate. The candidate is to be selected within 20 school days. In the event of vacancy after April 30, the position will remain unfilled until the next term.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1: Submission to Executive Council:
All Student Government of Olympic College constitutional amendments are submitted, in writing, to the SGOC Vice President or his/her designee to be read before the Executive Council in an Executive Council Meeting.

Section 2: Submission to the Board of Trustees:
Upon approval by the SGOC, amendments are submitted to the Olympic College Board of Trustees to be voted on as an information/action item following the governing documents of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3: Judicial & Constitution Review:
Board of Trustees approval is required for the amendment to be presented to the Judicial & Constitution Review Board for approval.

Section 4: Special Election:
A special election will be held. A two-thirds super-majority approval by the voting student body is required for amendment to be added to the constitution
Article VIII. Referendum, Resolution, and Direct Initiative

Section 1: The student body of Olympic College will have the right to express their voice through referendum, resolution, and direct initiative as outlined in the By-Laws.

Article IX. Judicial & Constitutional Review Board

Section 1: All constitution-related disagreements will be deferred to the Judicial & Constitutional Review Board. If the Judicial & Constitutional Review Board cannot come to a consensus then the final ruling will be made by the Olympic College President or Washington State Attorney General assigned to OC.

Article X. By-Laws

Section 1: The By-Laws of this constitution will be the lawful means by which the conditions of this constitution will be implemented.