

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name, Purpose, and Authority

1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Columbia Bible College Student Association."

2. Mission Statement

The mission of Columbia Bible College Student Association is to foster an environment that nurtures and challenges students to grow in their relationship with Christ, expand their worldview and discover their passions in a safe place through active involvement in the student body and the surrounding community.

3. Authority

The authority to act as outlined in this constitution is vested in the Student Association by the Administration of Columbia Bible College.

Article II Membership and Government

1. Membership

- a) The membership shall consist of all those students enrolled in at least four (4) semester hours in programs of study at Columbia Bible College.
- b) Students enrolled in one (1) to three (3) semester hours will have the right to membership upon being charged a Student Association fee and will thereafter receive full membership rights in the Student Association.

2. Student Council (STUCO)

- a) STUCO shall be the governing body of the Student Association.
- b) It shall be organized and operated according to the Bylaws and the Policy Manual of the Student Association.
- c) All members of the STUCO team are considered voting members.
- d) STUCO is responsible to supervise the business affairs and activities of the Student Association.
- e) STUCO shall endeavour to research, represent, and articulate student initiatives, ideas, and concerns.

3. Mission Statement of STUCO

The purpose of STUCO is to serve and lead the students of the college:

- a) by personally being visible and visionary Christian leaders, demonstrating and encouraging Christ-like behaviour and careful adherence to college standards and expectations;
- b) by responding to the individual and collective needs of the student body;
- c) by enabling students to be involved and to interact with the student body, faculty/staff, and the wider community;
- d) by being an official liaison between the administration/faculty/staff and the student body;
- e) by promoting a maturing and active commitment to Jesus Christ among its members;
- f) by challenging one another spiritually, socially, and intellectually;
- g) by promoting a positive CBC presence off campus through service related involvement in the community.

4. Officers

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STUCO Officers shall include an Executive consisting of, at minimum, a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Advisor

The Dean of Students shall be the chief advisor to the Student Association.

Article III Authoritative Documents

1. Constitution

- a) The constitution shall contain the foundational principles and definitions of the structure and operation of the Student Association.
- b) Any amendments to the articles of the Constitution must be proposed by STUCO, submitted to Administration for review and approval, and then approved by the student association members' vote. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting shall be necessary for student approval of constitutional amendments. Quorum shall be set at fifteen (15%) of student association members.

2. Bylaws

- a) The Bylaws shall further define the operation and structure of the Student Association.
- b) Any member of the Student Association may propose changes in Bylaws by submitting them in writing to STUCO. The proposed changes, to be effective, must be approved by STUCO and the Administration respectively, posted for a period of one (1) week or more and then ratified by a majority vote of the Student Association members voting.

3. Policy Manual

- a) The Policy Manual will outline specific operating procedures pertaining to the Student Association and its affiliated groups. It shall deal with any additional policies on matters that do not require constitutional entrenchment, and it shall require periodic revision.
- b) Additions to the Policy Manual or amendments to any of the policies require a two-thirds (2/3) approval of STUCO.

Article IV Enabling Act

This constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the members of the Student Association and Administration after which all previous constitutions shall be deemed void.

Article V Dissolution of the Student Association

In the event of dissolution of the Student Association, after paying or adequately providing for its debts and obligations, the Student Association shall devote any remaining assets to Columbia Bible College's fund for student scholarships.