



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## CONSTITUTION

### **Preamble**

We, the students of Christian Brothers College High School, in order to establish a representative student leadership organization; to create a cooperative partnership of shared governance with the faculty, staff, and administration; to promote school spirit and foster a common interest in school activities; to advance the highest ideals of brotherhood and unity within the school community; and to uphold our Catholic values and Lasallian mission, do hereby ordain and establish, in the holy presence of God, this Constitution for the Student Leadership Council of Christian Brothers College High School.

### **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Student Leadership Council (SLC).

### **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the organization shall be to:

- i. Offer leadership to and collectively represent the interests of the student body
- ii. Provide a means for cooperation and communication with the faculty, staff, and administration
- iii. Serve as a unifying force in advancing the principles of brotherhood and unity amongst all members of the school community
- iv. Provide improved organization of and foster increased participation in school activities
- v. Preserve the traditions of the school and inspire a greater sense of school spirit
- vi. Uphold our Catholic values and further our Lasallian mission
- vii. Promote the ongoing improvement of all aspects of the student experience

### **Article III. Source of Authority**

Any and all authority vested in the organization is granted by the Christian Brothers College High School administration, and the organization recognizes the powers of the administration to govern all operations of the school.

The organization recognizes the role of its faculty moderator(s), the Director of Student Activities, and the Dean of Students in providing guidance and oversight to its operations.

All decisions and actions instituted by the organization shall conform to the existing school policies and procedures set forth by the administration.

#### **Article IV. General Assembly**

##### **Section 1. Representative Membership**

The organization shall be comprised of twenty-four (24) elected members with an equal representation of eight (8) members from the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes.

The twenty-four member General Assembly shall be empowered to collectively represent the interests of the Freshman class in a manner consistent with the highest ideals of brotherhood.

##### **Section 2. Non-Voting Appointees**

The organization may include non-voting appointed members to fulfill specialized responsibilities on behalf of the General Assembly.

##### **Section 3. Structure**

The structure of the organization shall be predicated on the reasonable allocation of its authority to four major areas of responsibility to the Christian Brothers College High School community. The areas include, but shall not be limited to, all aspects of school *Spirit*, *Mission*, *Activities*, and *Social* events.

The structure of the organization shall be as follows (See Exhibit A) and include:

- i. An executive body, hereinafter referred to as the Leadership Board, comprised of elected Seniors to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the organization
- ii. Four (4) elected Seniors to serve as Chairmen of the four major areas of responsibility of the organization
- iii. Four (4) elected Juniors and four (4) elected Sophomores to serve as Officers of the four major areas of responsibility for their respective classes
- iv. Four (4) elected Juniors and four (4) elected Sophomores to serve as Representatives for their respective classes
- v. Three (3) *permanent* non-voting appointees to serve as Webmaster, Video Production Specialist, and Graphic Arts Specialist for the organization
- vi. *Temporary* non-voting appointees to serve as members of both standing and temporary committees

##### **Section 4. Committees**

The organization shall include the following six (6) standing committees for the purposes of diligently and effectively conducting ordinary business:

###### **Subsection a. Governmental Affairs**

The Governmental Affairs committee shall include the Vice President, four (4) Junior Representatives, and four (4) Sophomore Representatives. The Vice President shall act as Chairman of the committee.

The duties of the Governmental Affairs committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Conduct Student Court
- ii. Coordinate all student awards

**Subsection b. Public Relations**

The Public Relations committee shall include, at a minimum, the Secretary, Webmaster, Video Production Specialist, Graphic Arts Specialist, one (1) Sophomore Representative, and one (1) Junior Representative. The Secretary shall act as the Chairman of the committee and may appoint additional students to serve as temporary non-voting members of the committee.

The duties of the Public Relations committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Coordinate the planning and implementation of all public relations efforts of the organization
- ii. Communicate messages on behalf of the organization directly to the student body
- iii. Publicize and highlight events and activities via the Web, video, print materials, or any other applicable media
- iv. Identify, collect, and create information to be published on the organization Web site
- v. Solicit input from and communicate with the Director of Communications regarding the promotion of events and activities
- vi. Communicate with and provide print materials and video to KCBC for broadcast
- vii. Communicate with and provide print materials to *The Turret* for publication
- viii. Maintain the organization bulletin boards

**Subsection c. Activities**

The Activities committee shall include, at a minimum, the Activities Chairman, Junior Activities Officer, Sophomore Activities Officer, one (1) Sophomore Representative, and one (1) Junior Representative. The Activities Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the committee and may appoint additional students to serve as temporary non-voting members of the committee.

The duties of the Activities committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Determine the calendar of all intramurals and other activities for the school year
- ii. Prepare all schedules and maintain official rules for each intramural activity
- iii. Coordinate all planning and implementation of Field Day
- iv. Solicit input from the members of the Freshman class regarding activities

- v. Communicate and collectively represent the interests of the Freshman class regarding activities
- vi. Assist Director of Admissions with the planning and implementation of all Freshmen Orientation activities
- vii. Provide necessary information for publicity of activities to Public Relations committee

**Subsection d. Mission**

The Mission committee shall include, at a minimum, the Mission Chairman, Junior Mission Officer, Sophomore Mission Officer, one (1) Sophomore Representative, and one (1) Junior Representative. The Mission Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the committee and may appoint additional students to serve as temporary non-voting members of the committee.

The duties of the Mission committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Assist the Director of Campus Ministry and Chaplain in determining the calendar of all retreats, Reconciliation services, Masses, and other mission events for the school year
- ii. Coordinate all planning and implementation of mission activities and events
- iii. Solicit input from the members of the Freshman class regarding mission activities
- iv. Communicate and collectively represent the interests of the Freshman class regarding mission activities
- v. Assist the Director of Admissions with the planning and implementation of Freshmen Orientation mission or ministry activities
- vi. Assist the Director of Campus Ministry and Chaplain in planning retreats, Reconciliation services, and Masses
- vii. Assist the Director of Christian Service in managing the service program
- viii. Assist the Chaplain in the preparation of prayer for school announcements and events

**Subsection e. Social**

The Social committee shall include, at a minimum, the Social Chairman, Junior Social Officer, Sophomore Social Officer, one (1) Sophomore Representative, and one (1) Junior Representative. The Social Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the committee and may appoint additional students to serve as temporary non-voting members of the committee.

The duties of the Social committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Determine the calendar of all mixers, dances, and other social events for the school year
- ii. Coordinate all planning and implementation of all social events
- iii. Solicit input from the members of the Freshman class regarding social events
- iv. Communicate and collectively represent the interests of the Freshman class regarding social events

- v. Assist Director of Admissions with the planning and implementation of all grade school and Freshmen Orientation social events
- vi. Identify appropriate venues and applicable entertainment for social events
- vii. Determine event ticket pricing in consultation with the Treasurer
- viii. Sell advance tickets to social events
- ix. Provide necessary information for publicity of social events to Public Relations committee

**Subsection f. Spirit**

The Spirit committee shall include, at a minimum, the Spirit Chairman, Junior Spirit Officer, Sophomore Spirit Officer, one (1) Sophomore Representative, and one (1) Junior Representative. The Spirit Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the committee and may appoint additional students to serve as temporary non-voting members of the committee.

The duties of the Spirit committee shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Determine the calendar of all pep rallies, tailgate events, Spirit Week, and other spirit events for the school year
- ii. Coordinate all planning and implementation of spirit events
- iii. Solicit input from the members of the Freshman class regarding spirit events
- iv. Communicate and collectively represent the interests of the Freshman class regarding spirit events
- v. Identify and arrange guest talent for spirit events
- vi. Identify and organize spirit activities for spirit events
- vii. Determine the student section themes at athletic events
- viii. Assist Director of Admissions with the planning and implementation of all grade school and Freshmen Orientation spirit events
- ix. Provide necessary information for publicity of spirit events to the Public Relations committee

The Leadership Board shall, at its reasonable discretion, designate additional duties to any standing committee.

The Leadership Board shall, at its reasonable discretion, create one or more additional temporary committees to conduct specific business for a fixed period of time.

**Article V. Duties & Responsibilities**

**Section 1. Leadership Board**

The duties of the Leadership Board shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Crafts the organizational vision and goals for the school year
- ii. Plans the agenda for all meetings of the General Assembly
- iii. Communicates with the administration on behalf of the organization
- iv. Oversees the performance of all standing and temporary committees

- v. Provides input to all standing and temporary committees
- vi. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

## **Section 2. President**

The duties of the President shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as a member of the Leadership Board
- ii. Presides over all meetings of the General Assembly
- iii. Oversees the implementation and progress of the organizational vision and goals
- iv. Communicates regularly with committee chairmen on behalf of the Leadership Board
- v. Spokesperson at school events on behalf of the organization
- vi. Spokesperson to the student body on behalf of the organization
- vii. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

## **Section 3. Vice President**

The duties of the Vice President shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as a member of the Leadership Board
- ii. Serves as Chairman of the Governmental Affairs committee
- iii. Oversees system of chartered clubs and organizations
- iv. Conducts the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- v. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

## **Section 4. Secretary**

The duties of the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as a member of the Leadership Board
- ii. Serves as Chairman of the Public Relations committee
- iii. Records all meeting minutes and maintains historical records of all meetings
- iv. Oversees elections process
- v. Maintains library of positional duties and organizational processes
- vi. Maintains record of organizational member activity
- vii. Maintains digital archives for the organization
- viii. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

## **Section 5. Treasurer**

The duties of the Treasurer shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as a member of the Leadership Board
- ii. Prepares the annual organizational budget with input from Chairmen and the Leadership Board
- iii. Maintains accurate accounting of all financial transactions by the organization
- iv. Oversees the collection of funds for all events
- v. Coordinates the Senior Gift

- vi. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 6. Activities Chairman**

The duties of the Activities Chairman shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as Chairman of the Activities committee
- ii. Prepares the annual Activities budget request
- iii. Solicits input from the members of the Senior class regarding activities
- iv. Communicates and represents the interests of the Senior class regarding activities
- v. Oversees the planning and implementation of intramurals for the Senior class
- vi. Oversees the planning and implementation of intramurals for the Freshmen class
- vii. Oversees the planning and implementation of Field Day
- viii. Communicates with the Leadership Board and Director of Student Activities on behalf of the Activities committee
- ix. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 7. Mission Chairman**

The duties of the Mission Chairman shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as Chairman of the Mission committee
- ii. Prepares the annual Mission budget request
- iii. Solicits input from the members of the Senior class regarding mission activities
- iv. Communicates and represents the interests of the Senior class regarding mission activities
- v. Oversees the planning and implementation of mission drives and fundraisers
- vi. Oversees the planning and implementation of Senior retreats, Reconciliation services, and class Masses
- vii. Communicates with the Vice President for Mission, Director of Campus Ministry, and Chaplain on behalf of the Mission committee
- viii. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 8. Social Chairman**

The duties of the Social Chairman shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as Chairman of the Social committee
- ii. Prepares the annual Social budget request
- iii. Solicits input from the members of the Senior class regarding social events
- iv. Communicates and represents the interests of the Senior class regarding social events
- v. Oversees the planning and implementation of Homecoming
- vi. Oversees the planning and implementation of Senior Prom
- vii. Oversees the planning and implementation of Mixers
- viii. Communicates with the Leadership Board and Director of Student Activities on behalf of the Social committee
- ix. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 9. Spirit Chairman**

The duties of the Spirit Chairman shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as Chairman of the Spirit committee
- ii. Prepares the annual Spirit budget request
- iii. Solicits input from the members of the Senior class regarding spirit events
- iv. Oversees the planning and implementation of Spirit Week
- v. Oversees the planning and implementation of Pep Rallies
- vi. Oversees the planning and implementation of Tailgate events
- vii. Coordinates the student section cheers at Varsity athletic events
- viii. Coordinates Spirit events with the Office of the Athletic Director on behalf of the Spirit committee
- ix. Communicates with the Leadership Board and Director of Student Activities on behalf of the Spirit committee
- x. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 10. Activities Officers**

The duties of the Activities Officers shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serve as members of the Activities committee
- ii. Oversee the planning and implementation of intramurals for their respective class
- iii. Solicit input from the members of their respective classes regarding activities
- iv. Communicate and represent the interests of their respective classes regarding activities
- v. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 11. Mission Officers**

The duties of the Mission Officers shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serve as members of the Mission committee
- ii. Oversees the planning and implementation of retreats, Reconciliation services, and class Masses for their respective class
- iii. Solicit input from the members of their respective classes regarding mission activities
- iv. Communicate and represent the interests of their respective classes regarding mission activities
- v. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

### **Section 12. Social Officers**

The duties of the Social Officers shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serve as members of the Social committee
- ii. Oversee the planning and implementation of the Junior Ring dance
- iii. Solicit input from the members of their respective classes regarding social events



- iv. Communicate and represent the interests of their respective classes regarding social events
- v. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

**Section 13. Spirit Officers**

The duties of the Social Officers shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serve as members of the Spirit committee
- ii. Solicit input from the members of their respective classes regarding spirit events
- iii. Communicate and represent the interests of their respective classes regarding spirit events
- iv. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

**Section 14. Representatives**

The duties of the Representatives shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serve as members of the Governmental Affairs committee
- ii. Serve concurrently as members of at least two (2) additional committees
- iii. Solicit input from the members of their respective classes regarding the current business of the committees on which they serve
- iv. Communicate and represent the interests of their respective classes regarding the current business of the committees on which they serve
- v. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

**Section 15. Webmaster**

The duties of the Webmaster shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as member of the Public Relations committee
- ii. Creates, maintains, and regularly updates the organization Web site
- iii. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

**Section 16. Video Production Specialist**

The duties of the Video Production Specialist shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as member of the Public Relations committee
- ii. Oversees the planning and creation of videos to promote and highlight events or activities
- iii. Maintains video archives for the organization
- iv. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

**Section 17. Graphic Arts Specialist**

The duties of the Graphic Arts Specialist shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Serves as member of the Public Relations committee

- ii. Oversees the planning and creation of flyers, banners, and other artistic print materials to promote and highlight events or activities
- iii. All responsibilities otherwise stated herein

## **Article VI. Elections**

### **Section 1. Preparation**

#### **Subsection a. Timeline**

The elections timeline shall be determined by the Leadership Board and presented to the General Assembly for approval by vote. The resulting consensus timeline shall be submitted for approval to the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Students no later than the last day of the first quarter of the current school year.

The elections timeline shall include, at a minimum, dates for the following events:

- i. Deadline for Application for Candidacy for the Leadership Board
- ii. Deadline for Application for Candidacy for the General Assembly
- iii. President/Vice President Primary Election
- iv. Leadership Board General Election
- v. General Assembly Election

It shall be noted that the date for the President/Vice President Primary Election shall be tentative and only utilized during election cycles that include more than two President/Vice President tickets.

#### **Subsection b. Forms**

The Application for Candidacy form(s) shall be created by the Leadership Board and presented to the General Assembly for approval by vote. The resulting consensus application(s) shall be submitted for approval to the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Students no later than the last day of the first semester of the current school year.

### **Section 2. Eligibility**

To qualify for participation in the candidate review process, all potential candidates must obtain and properly complete an Application for Candidacy form. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Dean of Students by no later than the application deadline.

In addition to submitting a properly completed application, all potential candidates must meet each of the following three (3) minimum requirements:

#### **Subsection a. Academic**

The grade report of all potential candidates must reflect, at a minimum, a grade point average of 2.0 for the most recently completed semester and on the date of application submission.

#### **Subsection b. Disciplinary**

A potential candidate must NOT currently be on disciplinary probation on the date of application submission.

**Subsection c. Service**

Potential candidates who are currently in their Sophomore or Junior year on the date of application submission must have completed all required service hours for the prior school year.

Potential candidates who are currently in their Freshman year on the date of application submission must have completed a minimum of eight (8) service hours during the prior semester.

Any potential candidate that fails to meet any of the aforementioned minimum requirements shall be automatically deemed unqualified for candidacy.

To ensure the utmost confidentiality, the power to determine whether each potential candidate meets the aforementioned minimum requirements shall rest solely with the Dean of Students. It shall be the responsibility of the Dean of Students to notify any potential candidates deemed unqualified and forward the applications only of those potential candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements to the Candidacy Review Committee.

**Section 3. Candidate Review**

The Candidacy Review Committee shall be comprised of the four incumbent members of the Leadership Board and the Moderator(s). The committee shall schedule and conduct individual interviews with all potential candidates for which it receives applications from the Dean of Students.

It shall be noted that interviews with potential candidates for President and Vice President shall be conducted simultaneously with both members of the ticket.

The format and length of each interview shall be at the discretion of the committee. Potential candidates for all positions must provide, at a minimum, justification for their candidacy. Additionally, potential candidates for President/Vice President tickets must provide a vision or platform on which they will base their candidacy.

Subsequent to conducting interviews with potential candidates, the Candidacy Review Committee shall have the power to deem any potential candidate unqualified for candidacy based purely on their subjective judgment of the performance of the potential candidates during the interview.

It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator(s) to notify any potential candidates deemed unqualified by the Candidacy Review Committee. The names of all qualified potential candidates shall appear on the election ballot.

#### **Section 4. Campaigns**

The Leadership Board, Moderator(s), Director of Student Activities, and Dean of Students shall collectively determine the official guidelines for election campaigns.

It shall be the responsibility of the individual candidates, at their option, to organize campaigns. The campaigns of all candidates shall comply with the official guidelines set forth for election campaigns.

#### **Section 5. President/Vice President Primary Election**

During election cycles that include more than two President/Vice President tickets, a Primary Election shall occur on the date approved by the General Assembly.

##### **Subsection a. Process**

The Secretary and Moderator(s) shall create the official ballot to be used for the President/Vice President Primary Election. The Leadership Board, Moderator(s), and Director of Student Activities shall determine the official election procedures.

All current Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students shall be eligible to cast one (1) vote for a President/Vice President ticket. Voting shall occur in Advisories during the Advisory period in accordance with the official election procedures.

##### **Subsection b. Determination of Results**

The Secretary and Moderator(s) shall preside over the ballot counting and calculation of vote totals. Upon the determination of the final vote totals, the Secretary and Moderator(s) shall certify the election results to make them official.

The Secretary shall endeavor to ensure that all students have a reasonable opportunity to cast one (1) vote for a President/Vice President ticket. No vote shall be cast or counted subsequent to the certification of election results.

The two President/Vice President tickets with the highest vote totals shall appear on the General Election ballot.

#### **Section 6. Leadership Board General Election**

A Leadership Board general election shall occur on the date approved by the General Assembly.

##### **Subsection a. Communication of Platforms**

The two President/Vice President tickets shall, at a minimum, present their vision or platform to the entire student body. The Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Students shall provide the candidates with acceptable forums and mediums for communication with the entire student body.

The two President/Vice President tickets shall participate in, at a minimum, one televised tape-delayed debate to be aired on KCBC during an Advisory period.

**Subsection b. Process**

The Secretary and Moderator(s) shall create the official ballot to be used for the Leadership Board General Election. The Leadership Board, Moderator(s), and Director of Student Activities shall determine the official election procedures.

All current Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students shall be eligible to cast one (1) vote for a President/Vice President ticket, one (1) vote for a candidate for Secretary, and one (1) vote for a candidate for Treasurer. Voting shall occur in Advisories during the Advisory period in accordance with the official election procedures.

**Subsection c. Electoral Vote System**

The election of a President/Vice President ticket shall be based on a system of electoral votes. There shall be Five Hundred Thirty-Eight (538) total electoral votes. Electoral votes shall be allocated as follows:

- i. The Freshman class shall be allocated One Hundred Thirty (130) electoral votes
- ii. The Sophomore class shall be allocated One Hundred Sixty (160) electoral votes
- iii. The Junior class shall be allocated Two Hundred Twenty (220) electoral votes
- iv. The eligible members of the Student Leadership Council shall be allocated Twenty-eight (28) electoral votes

The electoral votes allocated to each class shall be equally divided amongst the Advisories that comprise it. If the total number of electoral votes allocated to a class is not divisible by the number of Advisories that comprise the class, the Advisories in the class with the greatest number of students shall be allocated one electoral vote more than those Advisories in the class with the fewest number of students.

The Leadership Board shall officially determine and publish the number of electoral votes allocated to each Advisory based on the provisions set forth herein no later than the last day of the first semester of the current school year.

The total number of electoral votes for each Advisory shall be awarded to the President/Vice President ticket that earns the majority of the votes from the students within the Advisory. If a tie shall occur within the Advisory, the vote of the Faculty Advisor for the Advisory shall determine the final result.

The President/Vice President ticket that earns, at a minimum, Two Hundred Seventy (270) electoral votes shall be declared the winner.

If both President/Vice President tickets earn Two Hundred Sixty-Nine (269) electoral votes, the President/Vice President ticket that earns the majority of the popular vote

from all voting students shall be declared the winner. If the popular vote from all voting students shall result in a tie, the President/Vice President ticket that earns the majority of the popular vote from all voting Junior students shall be declared the winner.

The Secretary and Moderator(s) shall preside over the ballot counting and calculation of vote and electoral vote totals. Upon the determination of the final electoral vote totals, the Secretary and Moderator(s) shall certify the election results to make them official.

The Secretary shall endeavor to ensure that all students have a reasonable opportunity to cast one (1) vote for a President/Vice President ticket. No vote shall be cast or counted subsequent to the certification of election results.

**Subsection d. Determination of Other Results**

The candidate for Secretary and the candidate for Treasurer that earns the majority of the popular vote from all voting students shall be declared the winner.

If the popular vote from all voting students shall result in a tie, the candidate that earns the majority of the popular vote from all voting Junior students shall be declared the winner.

Upon the determination of the final vote totals, the Secretary and Moderator(s) shall certify the election results to make them official. No vote shall be cast or counted subsequent to the certification of election results.

**Section 7. General Assembly Election**

A General Assembly general election shall occur on the date approved by the General Assembly.

**Subsection a. Process**

The Secretary and Moderator(s) shall create the three (3) official ballots to be used for the General Assembly General Election. The Leadership Board, Moderator(s), and Director of Student Activities shall determine the official election procedures.

All current Freshmen students shall be eligible to cast one (1) vote for a candidate for Sophomore Activities Officer, one (1) vote for a candidate for Sophomore Mission Officer, one (1) vote for a candidate for Sophomore Social Officer, one (1) vote for a candidate for Sophomore Spirit Officer, and four (4) votes for four (4) different candidates for Sophomore Representative. Voting shall occur in Advisories during the Advisory period in accordance with the official election procedures.

All current Sophomore students shall be eligible to cast one (1) vote for a candidate for Junior Activities Officer, one (1) vote for a candidate for Junior Mission Officer, one

(1) vote for a candidate for Junior Social Officer, one (1) vote for a candidate for Junior Spirit Officer, and four (4) votes for four (4) different candidates for Junior Representative. Voting shall occur in Advisories during the Advisory period in accordance with the official election procedures.

All current Junior students shall be eligible to cast one (1) vote for a candidate for Activities Chairman, one (1) vote for a candidate for Mission Chairman, one (1) vote for a candidate for Social Chairman, and one (1) vote for a candidate for Spirit Chairman. Voting shall occur in Advisories during the Advisory period in accordance with the official election procedures.

**Subsection b. Determination of Results**

The candidate for each position on the ballot that earns the majority of the popular vote from all voting students in his current class shall be declared the winner.

If the popular vote from all voting students in a class shall result in a tie, a special election shall occur during the next subsequent Advisory period following the aforementioned procedures outlined herein. Only the names of those candidates that earned an equal number of popular votes from all voting students in their current class shall appear on the ballot.

Upon the determination of the final vote totals, the Secretary and Moderator(s) shall certify the election results to make them official. No vote shall be cast or counted subsequent to the certification of election results.

**Article VII. Appointments**

Any member of the General Assembly may nominate a candidate for appointment to a permanent non-voting position of the organization.

The appointment of any qualified candidate shall be confirmed by the General Assembly. Confirmation of any candidate for appointment shall require the support of *two-thirds plus one* members of the meeting quorum.

**Article VIII. Term**

Elected members of the General Assembly shall serve a term of one (1) year, or 365 continuous days, beginning on the date of the Junior Ring Ceremony of the school year during which they are elected.

Permanent non-voting appointees shall serve a term beginning on the date of the confirmation of their appointment and ending on the date of the next subsequent Junior Ring Ceremony.

**Article IX. Removal**

Elected and appointed members of the organization may be permanently dismissed for failure to meet the following minimum standards:

### **Section 1. Academic**

The quarterly and semester grade reports of all elected and appointed members of the organization must reflect, at a minimum, a grade point average of 2.0.

Any member of the organization that achieves a grade point average of 1.5 or less on a quarterly or semester grade report shall be immediately dismissed from the organization for the remainder of his term.

Any member of the organization that achieves a grade point average of less than 2.0 but greater than 1.5 on a quarterly or semester grade report shall be immediately placed on probation. On the fifth Monday of the subsequent grading period, the Moderator(s) shall check the current grade point average of the member placed on probation. If the member achieves a grade point average of at least 2.0, then he shall return to good standing. If the member achieves a grade point average of less than 2.0, then he shall be immediately dismissed from the organization for the remainder of his term.

### **Section 2. Disciplinary**

Any elected or appointed member of the organization placed on disciplinary probation, for any reason, shall be immediately dismissed from the organization for the remainder of his term.

### **Section 3. Dereliction of Duty**

All elected and appointed members of the organization shall diligently and faithfully perform the responsibilities and duties of their position as outlined herein.

Any member of the General Assembly may issue a complaint against another member for gross dereliction of duty. Complaints shall be made in writing to the Leadership Board. The Leadership Board and Moderator(s) shall subsequently assess the merits of the complaint and determine an appropriate course of action which may include, but shall not be limited to, a motion to remove the member for gross dereliction of duty.

A consensus decision of the General Assembly to remove a member for gross dereliction of duty shall require the support of *two-thirds plus one* members of the General Assembly. The member to whom the vote relates shall not be present in the meeting at the time that the vote occurs.

Upon the creation of a vacancy for an elected position in the General Assembly, the elected members of the class in which the vacancy exists shall nominate a qualified replacement candidate. The nomination of any qualified replacement candidate shall be confirmed by the General Assembly. Confirmation of any replacement candidate shall require the support of *two-thirds plus one* members of the General Assembly.



If, at any time, the President shall be dismissed from the organization, the Vice President shall assume the position of President. The General Assembly shall subsequently nominate and confirm a qualified replacement candidate for Vice President as described herein.

Upon the creation of a vacancy for an appointed position, the General Assembly shall follow the procedure outlined in Article VII to fill the vacancy.

## **Article X. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Elements**

The Leadership Board shall determine the agenda for all meetings. Meetings shall follow commonly accepted parliamentary procedure and include, at a minimum and in order, the following elements:

- i. Call to Order
- ii. Prayer
- iii. Approval of Minutes
- iv. Reports of Leadership Board, Chairmen and/or Committees
- v. Old Business
- vi. New Business
- vii. Adjournment

### **Section 2. Quorum**

A meeting quorum shall be defined as a minimum of fourteen (14) elected members of the General Assembly and shall include no less than one (1) elected Sophomore, one (1) elected Junior, and five (5) elected Seniors including two (2) members of the Leadership Board.

### **Section 3. Meeting Official**

The President shall preside over and conduct official meetings of the General Assembly. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over and conduct official meetings of the General Assembly. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the Moderator(s) shall preside over and conduct official meetings of the General Assembly.

### **Section 4. Votes**

Any vote that shall occur during a meeting shall require a motion from a member of the General Assembly and a second of the original motion from a separate member of the General Assembly. The official presiding over the meeting cannot make a motion to vote on an issue.

Only the official presiding over the meeting or the Moderator(s) may recognize a motion to vote on an issue.

### **Section 5. Voting Authority**

In the interest of maintaining a representative General Assembly with equal decision-making authority, each of the twenty-four elected members shall be granted the power of one (1) vote.

### **Section 6. Consensus**

A consensus decision of the General Assembly related to ordinary business shall require the support of *two-thirds plus one* members of the meeting quorum. Hence, a contested issue during a meeting with all twenty-four (24) members present will require the support of seventeen (17) members.

### **Section 7. Schedule**

The Leadership Board and Moderator(s) shall determine the schedule of meetings for the General Assembly. Regular meetings shall occur during the Advisory period.

#### **Subsection a. Special Meetings**

The Leadership Board and Moderator(s) may schedule a special meeting at any other reasonable time deemed necessary to effectively conduct the business of the organization.

The General Assembly shall convene for special meetings, at a minimum, during the week prior to Freshmen Orientation.

#### **Subsection b. Attendance**

Attendance at meetings shall be mandatory if a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice is provided by the Leadership Board or Moderator(s) to elected members of the General Assembly. The Moderator(s) shall, in their reasonable discretion, have the authority to exempt elected members of the General Assembly from attendance of a meeting.

### **Article XI. Event Attendance**

All elected members of the General Assembly shall, at a minimum, expect to attend and assist in the implementation of the following school events:

- i. Freshmen Orientation
- ii. Mixers
- iii. Open House
- iv. Auction

### **Article XII. Amendments**

Any student, faculty member, or administrator of Christian Brothers College High School may propose an amendment to the Constitution. A proposal to amend the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Student Leadership Council.

**Section 1. Review Process**

Each proposed amendment shall be immediately reviewed by the Leadership Board and Moderator(s) to determine the validity of its intent. With the approval of the Moderator(s) and three-fourths of the Leadership Board, the proposed amendment shall be added to the agenda of the next successive meeting of the General Assembly. The author(s) of the proposed amendment shall attend the meeting and be afforded time to speak in support of their proposal.

**Section 2. Consensus to Amend**

A consensus decision of the General Assembly to amend the Constitution shall require the support of *three-fourths* of the members of the General Assembly. Hence, a proposed amendment will require the support of any eighteen (18) members of the General Assembly.

**Article XIII. Ratification**

Ratification of this document and the Articles contained herein shall require the support of any eleven (11) members of the Student Leadership Reform Committee.

Upon ratification of this Constitution, any and all Constitutions of any previous or existing governing student organizations at Christian Brothers College High School shall hereby be void.

We, the undersigned, by unanimous consent, hereby ratify and enact this Constitution on behalf of the student body for the Student Leadership Council (SLC) of Christian Brothers College High School on this Thirteenth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

Tom Grieshaber  
Class of 2009

Tom Spearing  
Class of 2009

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Ryan Batliner  
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Mike Pavlisin  
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Adam Woodside  
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Jeff Myer  
Dean of Students

Brother David Poos, FSC  
Principal

Michael F. England  
President

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## AMENDMENTS

### **Amendment I. Duties & Responsibilities**

**Ratified June 15, 2011**

#### **Section 1. Vice President**

The duties of the Vice President, as outlined in Article V. Section 3, shall additionally include assisting the Assistant Principal or assigned Faculty Moderator with the implementation and oversight of the Freshman Mentoring Program.

#### **Section 2. Treasurer**

The duties of the Treasurer, as outlined in Article V. Section 5, shall additionally include maintaining the Cadet Cup scoreboard and compiling all necessary scoring data related to Cadet Cup events.

### **Amendment II. Elections**

**Ratified June 15, 2011**

#### **Section 1. Eligibility**

The academic eligibility requirements of potential candidates, as outlined in Article VI. Section 2. Subsection a, shall additionally include that a potential candidate must NOT currently be on academic integrity probation on the date of application submission.