

Constitution for The King's Council

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ARTICLE I – GENERAL

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be The King's Council.

Section 2. The King's Council shall operate as a non-profit organization.

Section 3. The King's Council shall operate in a manner consistent with the mission and educational goals of The King's College.

Section 4. The King's Council shall consist of the Student Body President, appointed Executive Cabinet officers, and House Representatives.

Section 5. Each term of office of the Student Body President shall begin on the last day of classes during the spring semester.

ARTICLE II - ELECTION VOTING

Section 1. Voting for the position of Student Body President is open to all students of The King's College.

Section 2. A simple majority vote is necessary for election of the Student Body President.

Section 3. Elections for the Student Body President shall be held during the spring semester before House elections. The term of office shall be for a period of one year.

ARTICLE III - STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE CABINET

Section 1. *Student Body President.*

- a) The duties of the office of Student Body President shall be to preside over all meetings of The King's Council and act as the official student representative of The King's College student body.
- b) The Student Body President is responsible for setting the order of the agenda and distributing it to members of The King's Council forty eight hours prior to official meetings.
- c) In the event that the Student Body President is unable to complete his or her term of office, the Secretary shall call and facilitate an emergency meeting where The King's Council shall appoint a new Student Body President. This person must be approved by a two-thirds vote of The King's Council.
- d) Only in the case of a tie does the Student Body President have the right to vote.
- e) The Student Body President shall have veto power over items decided upon by The King's Council. Veto power does not apply to the appointment of Executive Council officers or motions of impeachment.

- f) The Student Body President must have held a previous leadership position at The King's College for a period of at least one full semester.
- g) The Student Body President shall not hold any House leadership position during his or her term of office.
- h) The Student Body President must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- i) Upon taking office, the Student Body President must have at least rising junior status (in the process of completing at least 60 credit hours) and have completed two semesters at The King's College.

Section 2. *The Executive Cabinet*

- a) The Executive Cabinet shall consist of a Treasurer, Secretary, Event Coordinator, and Student Organizations Coordinator.
- b) The Student Body President is to act as the head of the Executive Cabinet.
- c) The Executive Cabinet officers are non-voting members of The King's Council.
- d) The Executive Cabinet officers are to be appointed by the Student Body President. The Student Body President has the authority to dismiss any officer of the Executive Cabinet.
- e) Following appointment, the Executive Cabinet officers must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the newly elected Council at the beginning of the new term. In the event that an Executive Cabinet officer must be replaced, the Student Body President shall appoint a replacement, who must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of The King's Council.
- f) All Executive Cabinet officers must be currently enrolled, full-time students at The King's College. No student with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 will be permitted to hold a position. The Executive Cabinet officers shall not hold any House leadership positions during their term of office.

Section 3. *Treasurer.*

- a) The duties of the office of Treasurer shall be to oversee all financial transactions of The King's Council. The Treasurer shall maintain thorough and accurate records of all such transactions.
- b) The Treasurer shall produce financial reports to be distributed to The King's Council. The Treasurer shall provide guidance to The King's Council on financial issues.
- c) The Treasurer shall assist in any fundraising efforts of The King's Council. Fundraising activities of The King's Council shall be conducted in partnership with the Office of Advancement of The King's College.

Section 4. *Secretary.*

- a) The duties of the office of Secretary shall be to record and distribute minutes of all meetings of The King's Council.

- b) If absent during a meeting, the Student Body President will appoint another member of The King's Council to serve as interim Secretary, record minutes, and perform necessary duties of Secretary during the meeting.
- c) The Secretary shall be responsible for compiling the list of agenda items and sending them to the Student Body President prior to official meetings of The King's Council.

Section 5. *Student Body Events Coordinator.*

- a) The Events Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the execution of school-wide events agreed upon by The King's Council.

Section 6. *Student Organizations Coordinator.*

- b) The Student Organizations Coordinator shall be responsible for processing application and renewal forms for student organizations.
- c) The Student Organizations Coordinator shall be responsible for holding organizations accountable for achieving their mission and managing their budgets.

Section 7. The Executive Cabinet officers shall appoint chairmen for committees deemed necessary to accomplish the aims of The King's Council. Participation on a committee is available to the general student populous.

Section 8. In the event of an Executive Cabinet officer's inability to perform his or her duties, a new officer shall be appointed by the Student Body President. A two-thirds majority vote by The King's Council is necessary to approve the new appointment.

Section 9. The Student Body President and Executive Cabinet officers, as deemed necessary, shall interact with the Dean of Students or appointed member of the Student Development Staff for the purpose of communication and advisement.

ARTICLE IV - HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Each House will have one representative on The King's Council.

Section 2. The House Representative on The King's Council shall be the President of each House. House Presidents are elected according to the procedures of the House System specified in the House Manual. The term of office of House Representative shall be for a period of one year. All terms will end with the inauguration of new House Presidents on the last day of spring semester classes.

Section 3. *House Representatives*

- a) The duties of the House Representative shall be attendance at bi-weekly King's Council meetings to represent the interests and concerns of their House members.
- b) Representatives shall have voting power. In the event of a veto by the Student Body President, a two-thirds vote on the part of The King's Council is necessary to overturn the veto.
- c) House Representatives may submit agenda items to the Secretary.

Section 4. Proxy

- a) In the event that a House Representative is unable to attend an official King's Council meeting, the House Representative may appoint a proxy to attend.
- b) The proxy will have full voting rights.
- c) The House Representative must notify the Secretary in writing at least twenty-four hours in advance of a meeting that a designated proxy will be in attendance.
- d) Only members of a House Leadership Council (Helmsman, Chamberlain, Scholar,) are eligible for serving as a proxy.

ARTICLE V – IMPEACHMENT

Section 1. The Student Body President or any Executive Cabinet officer may be impeached for the following:

- a) Blatant failure to abide by the Honor Code: “A Kings student will not lie, cheat or steal. Any student in the College has the authority and is honor bound to report any other student without regard to class or age for a breach of honor. A King's student commits to these specifics and strives to more fully live out the ideals through out his or her life.”
- b) Failure to perform duties listed in Article III and IV
- c) Failure to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher while in office
- d) Failure to model standards consistent with Biblical guidelines for spiritual leadership

Section 2. To pass a motion to impeach, a simple majority vote of The King's Council is necessary. At this point, the Council member shall be given a seven-day notice and an opportunity to resign or to defend oneself. Removal from office shall require a two-thirds majority vote by The King's Council. There shall be no Student Body presidential veto of a motion to impeach.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of The King's Council are conducted by the Student Body President. In the Student Body President's absence, The Student Body President shall appoint one Executive Cabinet officer to preside over the meeting with all powers of the Student Body President.

Section 2. A quorum of fifty percent plus one of voting members of The King's Council must be present in order to hold an official meeting.

Section 3. Meetings shall proceed as specified by the by-laws.

Section 4. Meetings shall not exceed two hours in length.

Section 5. Any members of The King's College may attend meetings of The King's Council.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 1. The King's Council shall not provide any monetary gain to its members for fulfilling their constitutional duties. This does not restrict the payment of wages, salaries or incentives by The King's Council for services rendered beyond their constitutional duties.

Section 2. Unless otherwise specified by The King's Council at the time of dissolution of the organization, residual assets shall be distributed to The King's College Student Mission Fund.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS ***

Section 1. By-laws may be proposed by voting members of The King's Council and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. If members of the student body wish to draft a by-law for the constitution of The King's Council, a petition must be signed by twenty five percent of the student body. That by-law will then be added to the ballot for spring elections. A simple majority vote of the student body is necessary for the motion for a by-law to pass.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any member of The King's Council may propose amendments to the constitution. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary will then present the amendment to The King's Council at the next regular meeting. The amendment will then be voted on at a subsequent meeting.

Section 2. Duly proposed amendments shall be submitted to a vote of The King's Council. A three-fourths vote of The King's Council in favor shall be required for such amendments to be approved and therefore moved to a referendum.

Section 3. All amendments which have been approved must be voted upon by the student body at either the regularly scheduled spring ballot or at a special ballot at the end of the fall semester. A simple majority vote of the student body in favor shall be required for an amendment which has been approved by The King's Council to be ratified into the constitution

Section 4. If members of the student body wish to draft an amendment to the constitution of The King's Council, a petition must be signed by twenty five percent of the student body. That amendment will then be added to the ballot for spring elections. A two-thirds vote of the student body is necessary for the amendment to pass.

ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION

Section 1. This Constitution shall be ratified by a simple majority vote of The King's College student body.

Section 2. Upon passing, this Constitution shall guide all activities and procedures of The King's Council.

*** By-Laws are extra constitutional laws for governance that are passed by The King's Council.