

The Constitution of Minnesota West Community and Technical College Student Senate

Preamble

We, the combined Student Senates of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, in order to create an effective governing body within our institutions, do hereby ordain this document, the Minnesota West Community and Technical College Student Senate Constitution. The combined interests of the students, faculty, administrators, and people of the community are considered within its contents. This document secures a democratic form of government.

Name and Purpose

Article 1

Section 1. The name of this document is the Minnesota West Community and Technical College Student Senate Constitution. (Herein referred to as the Constitution)

Section 2. The purpose of this Constitution is to provide basic guidelines and structure for individual campus Student Senates. This document shall outline the format of each campus Student Senate bylaws as well as set the standard for the information contained in said Bylaws. All Student Senate bylaws must conform to this Constitution.

Section 3. The name of the governing body charged with upholding and maintaining this document shall be "Minnesota West Community and Technical College Regional Student Senate". (Herein referred to as the Regional Student Senate)

Section 4. The purpose of the Regional Student Senate is:

1. To represent the students of Minnesota West Community and Technical College (Herein referred to as MnWest)
2. To administer and maintain the Constitution of the combined Student Senates of MnWest.
3. To promote and participate in the Minnesota State College Student Association. (Herein referred to as MSCSA)
4. To express opinions and address viewpoints of each individual campus of MnWest.
5. To promote in all ways the best interests of MnWest.

Structure

Article 2

Section 1. The Structure of the Regional Student Senate shall consist of members from the Student Senates of each MnWest campus as well as officers of the Southwest Region of MSCSA. The meetings shall be chaired by the Regional Representative or Regional Representative Alternate.

Section 2. The voting members shall be Senators or Officers from each campus. Each campus will be allowed two voting members.

Section 3. All meetings are also under the jurisdiction of the MSCSA Southwest Region Bylaws.

Quorum

Article 3

Section 1. Regional Student Senate Quorum: A Quorum shall consist of a minimum of 1 representative from 3 out of 5 campuses present.

Bylaws

Article 4

Section 1. Each individual campus Student Senate of MnWest must maintain a set of bylaws. These bylaws are to be divided into articles and sections. All bylaws must adhere to the following layout:

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Article 2: Meetings

Article 3: Structure

Article 4: Representatives

Article 5: Officers

Article 6: Election Procedures

Article 7: Committees

Article 8: Amendment

Section 2: Bylaws may contain additional articles and sections, however no articles may contain wording which supersedes or contradicts anything set forth in this constitution. The additional bylaw articles must not contain information intended to be in the first eight articles.

Section 2. All Bylaws must be dated and signed by the Student Senate President and Advisor when adopted.

Amendment
Article 5

Section 1. The Constitution of the Minnesota West Community and Technical College Regional Student Senate may be amended at any time by a majority vote in a regional meeting with quorum.

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Dated

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