Constitution

University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College
Student Government

Preamble

We the students of the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College, in order to represent our collective interest and opinion, to provide for the government of student organizations and promote the general welfare of the student body, do establish this constitution for the Student Government of the UC Blue Ash College.

Article I
Name of the Organization

The official name of this organization shall be the “University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College Student Government”, herein referred to as the “UCBA Student Government.” It is a “Tribunal” as defined in the “University of Cincinnati Student Government Constitution” of May 26, 1999.

Article II
Purpose and Statements of the Organization

Section 1: The Student Government shall serve as the official representative of and legislative body for the students (herein referred to as “student body”) of the UCBA College.

Section 2: The Duties of Student Government shall be:

A: Represent the interests of the student body to the administration of the college.

B: Represent those interests to the University of Cincinnati Student Senate through two Student Senators.

C: Investigate any matters affecting the student body other than those infringing upon individual rights or reserved to Faculty.

D: Govern all UCBA student organizations, except those that are religious or political in nature, who will be governed by the Student Life Office, by:
1.) Chartering all student organizations by approval of their constitutions and bylaws.

2.) Approving constitutional amendments of existing student organizations.

E: Appoint student representatives (herein referred to as “Ambassadors”) to appropriate UCBA committees.

F: Approve a Student Court to adjudicate disputes between student(s) and student organizations or administration.

Section 3: This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, disability, or handicap, religion, sexual orientation, disabled veteran’s status of Vietnam era veteran’s status in any of its’ policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include but it is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunities to hold office.

Section 4: This organization shall hold and maintain a not-for-profit status.

Section 5: This organization shall comply with all the University and campus policies and regulations, in addition to all local, state, and federal laws.”

Article III
Relationship to College and University Administration

Section 1: Nothing in this constitution shall be in conflict with the law, with the regulations of the Board of Trustees of the University or with the bylaws and constitution of the University of Cincinnati Student Senate.

Section 2: The Dean of the college retains final authority over all actions of the Student Government. Any negation of an action of the Student Government by the Dean shall be in writing and shall specify the actions negated and reasons for the negation. This negation shall be transmitted to the Student Government within three weeks of the date a written description of the action is received by the Dean.

Article IV
Membership

Section 1: The membership of the Student Government (herein referred to as “membership” composed of “members”) of the UCBA Student Government shall consist of the following:

A: Executive Council.
1.) The Executive Council shall consist of:
   a.) President
   b.) Vice President
   c.) Committee Speaker
   d.) Treasurer
   e.) Secretary

2.) Members of the council shall be elected directly by the student body during each spring semester.

   B: Two Student Senators to the University of Cincinnati Student Senate elected directly by the student body.

   C: Ambassadors to College Committees nominated by the Committee Speaker and approved by a majority of voting members present at an official Student Government meeting.

   D: Student Body Representatives are approved by a majority of voting members present at an official Student Government meeting.

Section 2: The manner of election, roles and responsibilities of these positions are specified in the Bylaws of the Student Government.

Article V
Meetings

Section 1: An official Student Government meeting is one at which a quorum is present. A quorum is defined as one more than half the membership eligible to vote including the Executive Council.

Section 2: Notices and minutes of all meetings shall be posted on Student Government bulletin boards or by any other means specifically reserved for student announcements, when appropriate.

Section 3: With the exception of impeachment proceedings, all Student Government meetings shall be open to the student body. Members of the external community may attend by invitation of the President.

Article VI
Voting Privileges

Section 1: Motions legislating the functions and operations of Student Government may be made:

   A: by any member of the Executive Council, with the exception of the President, or
Section 2: All members except Student Senators have the right to vote on any legislation. The President may only vote in a tie.

Section 3: Student Senators may only cast votes and initiate motions in matters pertaining directly to the University Student Senate.

Section 4: A Quorum vote is one more than half the voting members present at an official Student Government meeting.

Article VII
Faculty Advisor(s)

Section 1: Student Government shall have a committee of faculty advisors. The committee will be made up from one to three advisors, as seen appropriate by Student Government.

Section 2: The chair of the advisory committee shall be determined by Student Government at the first official meeting of the year.

Section 3: In official decisions made by the committee, all members shall have a vote. In the case of a tie, the Student Government President shall have voting privileges.

Section 4: Faculty Advisors shall be appointed by the Dean of the college subject to approval by a majority of voting members present at an official Student Government meeting.

Section 5: The duties of the advisors may be split between the committee as seen fit by the committee, unless specifically stated otherwise. Duties of the Advisors will be:

A: Advising about the effects of college policies upon proposed legislation.

B: The Chair of the committee shall serve as a co-signer on all Student Government checks.

C: Training members in parliamentary procedure.

D: Attending all Student Government Meetings.

E: Maintaining/Assisting a Blackboard Organization or website, if applicable, as appropriate.
Section 6: Any disagreements should arise between the Student Government and the Advisor they will be arbitrated by the Dean of UCBA College.

Section 7: The Advisor may be removed if the advisor and Student Government have a relationship that is not conducive to the best interest of the student body. Removal will require a two-thirds majority of voting members present at an official Student Government meeting. The request to remove must then be presented in writing to the Dean of the college along with a request for a new Advisor.

Article VIII

Student Affairs Liaison

Section 1: The Director of Student Life shall serve as Student Affairs Liaison.

Section 2: Duties of the Student Affairs Liaison shall be to:

A: Advise the Student Government about its responsibilities to student organizations.

B: Train Student Government members in procedures necessary to meet responsibilities to college and university organizations.

C: Assist the Executive Council in promoting student government within the college community.

Section 3: Any disagreements that arise between the Student Government and the Liaison will be arbitrated by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Article IX

Constitutional Amendment

Amendments to the constitution will become effective after they are approved by a two-thirds majority of the Student Government membership, the Undergraduate Student Senate, and by the Dean of the college.

Article X

Oath of Office

The following oath shall be administered to all elected or appointed members of Student Government by the standing President.

I [state your name] do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of [state full name of your office], that I will abide by the constitution and bylaws of the UC Blue Ash College Student Government, and that I will demonstrate compassion and concern for the well being of the students of UC Blue Ash College.