

# OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Constitution of the Political Science Club

### “Politically Active”

#### ARTICLE I- NAME

We shall formerly be known as the “Political Science Club.” Informally, we shall be known as “Politically Active.”

#### ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of the Political Science Club is to increase political literacy, foster civil discourse, and engage students and the OTC community on various issues that include but are not limited to; local, state, national and international events, voter education, voter registration, and civic engagement.

#### ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility: Membership shall be open to all currently enrolled students, staff and faculty at Ozarks Technical Community College only. No person may be excluded from the organization on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, citizenship or legal immigration status, veteran status or any other status protected by federal, state and local laws.

Section 2. Voting: The method of decision making for leadership in the club or for decisions of the club with votes shall be the side that has a simple majority. The standard vote shall be a show of hands; however, all members may request a blind vote. If this is requested, it is mandatory that a blind vote be held.

Section 3. Termination. Members can be removed from the club by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote after they have received more verbal warnings than is deemed appropriate or a member who does not fulfill their responsibilities or conducts themselves in a manner disruptive to the organization or contrary to the purpose of the organization. No member shall be voted out without one week’s warning of the vote. The Faculty Advisor(s) must approve all member dismissals.

Section 4. Active Membership: In addition to guidelines specified in Section 1, active membership is acquired via participation in at least one event, and the member’s attendance at at least one meeting each semester.

Section 5: Dues: There are no fees required to be an active member, however members will be responsible for their own costs of t-shirts or other club items; pens, notepads, any field trip costs, etc.

#### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall, minimally, be held twice a semester and up to once a month in addition to cabinet and social meetings on an as needed basis.

Section 2. Events will be held at minimum, once a semester. Possible events include guest speaker(s), a table at the Student Picnic, and/or a panel discussion regarding community or national topics, voter registration drives, educational events and supportive roles as needed.

Section 3. Parliamentary Authority: “Parliamentary authority shall be derived from Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised for decisions related to budget and officer elections. All other decisions shall be by consensus or simple majority.”

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## **ARTICLE V -OFFICERS**

Section 1. There shall be, at minimum, three officers of this club: President, Vice- President, and Secretary. As needed will be additional cabinet roles as determined by the Faculty Sponsors and cabinet members.

Section 2. Qualifications: Any student seeking a position as an officer must be in good standing with the college and maintain a cumulative grade point average required for graduation. They must attend two meetings a semester.

Section 3. Term of the Office: There shall be elections once a year, or every semester as needed. Only active members are eligible to vote. No person shall ever hold the same position for than two consecutive terms, unless approval is given by the Faculty Advisor(s).

Section 4. Removal of Officers: Impeachment may occur with approval from Faculty Advisor and  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote from the Executive Board.

Section 5. Eligibility: All members are welcome to stand for leadership positions.

## **ARTICLE VI- EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Composition: The officers of the club and the Faculty Advisor(s) will make up the Executive Board and will meet whenever necessary. All decisions made by the executive board must be voted on in a standard meeting in order to be enacted.

Section 2. Powers and Duties: The Executive Board shall ensure fiscal responsibility of the club and review event's effectiveness, cost, and if the resulting outcome was the desired one.

Section 3. Composition of Committee: Committees may be formed once approved by the Executive Board to carry out a certain goal or task.

## **ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Initiation: Any member may initiate a proposal for amending the Constitution. The amendment must for be proposed in writing to the Executive Board.

Section 2. Voting: If a simple majority of the executive board votes in agreement to the amendment, the amendment will then be presenting during the general assembly's next meeting, where a  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> majority must approve the amendment.

**Ozarks Technical Community College does not necessarily endorse the views of this student organization.**