

# Constitution of the Gore Student Council

## Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Gore High School Student Council.

Section 2. The purpose of the student council shall be:

- A. The Governing body to represent the student body.
- B. To promote strong school spirit within the student body and the community.
- C. Develop active and lasting Leadership skills.
- D. Promote a stronger feeling of patriotism of American citizens for their country and heritage.
- E. To assume the privileges and the responsibilities that rightfully belong to the students.
- F. Develop and encourage the students' capacity for service. G. Encourage the highest academic standards.

## Article II: Membership

Section 1. The membership of the student council shall be any Student in grades 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> that has maintained a GPA 2.5 and has not had more than two minor discipline infractions. From the membership the following officers will be elected:

1. President
2. President-elect
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Parliamentarian

Section 2. All students wishing to seek council membership shall file intention with the student council sponsor.

Section 3. Members must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the full time of their membership.

If a member's GPA drops below 2.5 for any semester the student will be removed for the student council.

Section 4. The duties of the members of the student council shall be to represent the entire student body; to participate in the discussion of school problems; and to take part in all council activities and projects.

## Article III: Organization

Section 1. All meeting dates and times will be determined at the first meeting of the Student Council each year.

Section 2. A two-thirds majority of the membership shall constitute a Quorum provided advisor or principal is present.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, advisor or principal.

Section 4. The student council shall have the power to make bylaws and pass resolutions. The provisions of which are subject to approval by the advisors and principal. Must be school board approved before taking effect.

Section 5. The powers granted the student council under the constitution shall be administered under the supervision of \_\_\_\_\_ advisor.

#### **Article IV: Officers' Qualifications and Duties**

Section 1. The officers of the student council shall be president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian. The council will \_\_\_\_\_ consist of additional two class member representatives \_\_\_\_\_ from 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12 grades totaling 13 members.

Section 2. The president shall have served as a member of the student council during his/her sophomore or junior year.

- A. The president shall be from the incoming senior class.
- B. The president-elect shall be from the incoming junior class. The president-elect will become president their senior year. If the president elect is not enrolled or does not meet eligibility requirements at the beginning of the school term that they are to serve as president, an election shall be held, and any eligible senior class STUCO member may be elected president for that year.
- C. The other officers shall be from the incoming sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- D. All officers shall have maintained a 3.50 cumulative grade point average for the semester preceding the election or rank in top 5% of the class in no one meets the 3.5 GPA requirement.
- E. The president shall preside at all meetings of the council. He/she shall also preside over student assemblies.
- F. The president elect shall assist the president and serve as acting president in his/her absence.
- G. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the student council meetings. In the absence of the president, president-elect, the secretary shall preside.
- H. The treasurer shall be responsible for keeping records of all moneys received and disbursed.
- I. The parliamentarian shall teach the officers and other member's parliamentary procedures and post all meeting agenda and minutes on school web site.

Section 3. The tenure of the office for all officers shall extend throughout the school year unless they become scholastically or otherwise ineligible to serve.

#### **Article V: Executive Committee**

Section 1. All officers shall form the executive committee of this council. In case of an emergency or the inadvisability of calling a meeting of the entire council, the board shall have the power to make decisions or vote on any measure, providing such a decision is made with the knowledge and authority of the faculty, advisor, or principal.

## **Article VI: Elections**

Section 1. The election shall be on the second Tuesday in April.

- A.** Candidates shall have a filing period from Monday, the first week in April until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday of the first calendar week.
- B.** Candidates may campaign after declaration of candidacy and meeting eligibility requirements to hold membership the first calendar week in April and the Monday preceding the elections.
- C.** Candidates shall be required to obtain a petition from the sponsor and return it with names of twenty students and five teachers endorsing the candidate.
- D.** Candidates cannot have more than one discipline report in the office for the current school year.
- E.** Outgoing Seniors do not - vote. All members of incoming classes will be eligible to vote. **F.** Members of incoming seniors, juniors, sophomore and freshman classes are eligible to vote for council officers.
- G.** Any candidate running for president-elect is required to be a student at Gore High School one-half of each day during their junior and senior years.
- H.** Class representatives will be elected each year at the same time as other class elections. Only class members shall vote for representatives of each class.

## **Article VII: Duties and Committees**

Section 1. The student council shall arrange the program for student awareness week, and any other duty assigned by the sponsor.

Section 2. The student council shall arrange the program for Veterans Day.

Section 3. The student council may sponsor one student of the month each month.

- a. The names of the Student of the Month shall be released to the school and school newspaper at the close of each month.
- b. The Student of the Month shall be made up of members from the senior class.
- c. Nominations for the Student of the Month will be made and voted on by teachers, teaching High School classes and approved by the High School principal.

Section 4. Any member who misses two meetings that are unexcused on Days he/she is present at school shall be dismissed from the Student Council.

Section 5. All members are required to attend and participate in all scheduled activities and fund raisers. If a member misses more than one scheduled activity or fund raiser will be dismissed from the student council.

Section 6. Any member attending an activity or meeting paid for by Student Council will remain at the event and participate in all activities.

Each member will write a short report on what was learned and how it can be applied at Gore Schools.

**Article VIII: Amendments**

**Section 1. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the session when the issue is voted upon.**

**Section 2. The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by three-fourth majority vote of the total membership of the council and must be approved by the school board.**

