

# **By-laws of the Family Association for Instruction and Teaching at Home Student Council Committee**

## **Article I. Name, Association, and Purpose**

### **Section 1. Name**

The name of this group is Family Association for Instruction and Teaching at Home Student Council Committee, herein called the Student Council.

### **Section 2. Association**

The Student Council is a subsidiary of the Family Association for Instruction and Teaching at Home, herein called F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group, and not an independent auxiliary. Student Council functions under the authority of the President of the Student Council, an ex-officio Director of FAITH Homeschool Group.

### **Section 3. Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Council is to provide leadership skills and socialization opportunities to homeschooling youth.

## **Article II. Membership and Officers**

### **Section 1. Membership**

All students in the seventh through twelfth grades inclusive, whose families are members in good standing of F.A.I.T.H Homeschool Group are eligible to become members.

To activate one's Student Council membership, an eligible student must participate in one Student Council meeting. At that time, the student will sign the Student Council's Code of Conduct.

#### **Section 1.1. Inactive members**

All members are considered active until the member in question does not attend a Student Council meeting during an election period. At that time, the member in question shall be considered inactive and without membership privileges.

Inactive members may become active by attending one meeting. The member will be considered active at the closure of said meeting.

#### **Section 1.2. Code of Conduct**

All FAITH Student Council members are expected to behave, speak and dress modestly and appropriately. Members agree to respect the authority of the FAITH Board, Student Council sponsors, and the student leaders. Members understand that they will be held responsible for any injuries or damages that are caused by their actions.

### **Section 2. Officers**

Business of the Student Council shall be carried out by its elected officers: President, First Representative, Second Representative, a Secretary, and Treasurer.

No officer shall receive compensation for his services. No officer shall use his position for personal gain or benefit.

#### **Section 2.1. President**

The president shall fulfill ~~and~~ leadership role by chairing ~~student~~ Student Council meetings, meeting with all officers before meetings to set ~~setting~~ general ideas and goals for the organization, and representing the Student Council at meetings of the FAITH Board of Directors. It is recommended that the President is either a Junior or Senior.

### **Section 2.2. First Representative**

The first representative shall assume the duties of the president when the president is unable to do so. The first representative is also the chairman of the Activities Subcommittee, which is responsible for organizing event throughout the year.

### **Section 2.3. Second Representative**

The second representative shall chair the Community Service Subcommittee, which is responsible for organizing and executing volunteer services within the surrounding locality.

### **Section 2.4. Secretary**

The secretary shall maintain the official documents of the Student Council,. This includes recording and maintaining the minutes of all meetings, submitting the Student Council article to the FAITH newsletter editor, and maintaining the attendance records of all active and inactive members, as well as other duties pertaining to the paperwork of the organization.

The secretary shall chair the Welcome Subcommittee.

### **Section 2.5. Treasurer**

The treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the Student Council. All finances belonging to the Student Council will be given to the FAITH Treasurer for deposit. The treasurer shall chair the Fundraising Subcommittee, which is responsible for acquiring the finances.

### **Section 2.6. Chaplain**

The chaplain shall be available to lead prayers at any FAITH events. This is an honorary position available to all members.

## **Article III. Elections and Terms of Office**

### **Section 1. Elections**

All active members are eligible to vote and hold officer positions.

#### **Section 1.1. Nominations**

Nominations for officers will be accepted from any active member. Nominations will begin at the meeting immediately preceding the elections and continue until two weeks prior to the elections. Nominations may be delivered to the secretary by any reasonable means. All nominees must be verified as being willing and able to serve before being placed on the official ballot.

### **Section 2. Annual Meeting**

An Annual Meeting shall be held in May each year. The purpose for the annual meeting shall be designated in the meeting's notice, which shall include the election of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. If the election of Officers is not held at the Annual Meeting, the elections are to be held at a special or regular meeting of the Board as soon afterward as conveniently possible. A majority of Officers entitled to vote, but not a majority of the members, is needed at the Annual Meeting to transact business.

## **Section 2. Terms of Office**

The terms of office shall be twelve months. The term begins on August 1 and ends on July 31.

Graduating officers shall relinquish their offices at the meeting immediately following the graduation ceremony.

### **Section 2.1. Vacancies**

If a vacancy shall occur the president shall assume responsibility for the position. In the case of a vacancy in the presidency, the position will be assumed by the first representative. The first order of business at the next Student Council meeting shall be appointing a new officer to complete the term.

### **Section 2.2. Removal**

If any officer is absent from four total or three consecutive Student Council meetings in one term, such officer may be assumed withdrawn from the Board. Any officer may be removed either with or without cause at any time by a vote of two-thirds of an officer's quorum at any regular or special members meeting of the Student Council or by a majority of active members voting at a regular or special meeting.

## **Article IV. Conduct of Meetings**

All meetings of the Student Council shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order except as may be provided in these Bylaws.

### **Section 4.1. Quorum**

A majority of the officers entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Student Council meeting. The act of a majority of the officers present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Student Council unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these bylaws. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at Student Council meetings.

## **Article V. Amendments**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed or new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the officers present and a 2/3 majority of active members voting at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum of officers is present, if written notice to the membership of this intent is given at least ten business days before such meeting. No proxy voting by officers, but proxy by ballot for members is allowed.

## **Article VI. Severability**

If any part of these Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures adopted by the Student Council is found in any proceeding to be invalid or ineffective, the remaining provisions shall be considered valid and operative and effect shall be given to the intent manifested by the portion held invalid or inoperative.