**CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Realizing the necessity for student self-governance, understanding the importance of articulating the views of the student body, desiring to further the welfare of students, and believing that student government is needed to carry out these actions, we the students of the International College of the Cayman Islands do hereby establish the Constitution of the Student Council of the International College of the Cayman Islands.

**ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Council of the International College of the Cayman Islands.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of Student Council is to protect and improve the rights, opportunities, and quality of life of every student at the International College of the Cayman Islands.

Section 3: Authority

The authority of Student Council is derived from the students of the International College of the Cayman Islands and collectively recognized by the Board of Directors, the College President and other College Administrators.

Section 4: Non-Discrimination

The Student Council of the International College of the Cayman Islands will not restrict membership and/or activity by reason of age, citizenship, color, disability, gender, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or status as a disabled individual. Notwithstanding these requirements, Student Council may restrict membership based on an ability to perform the activities related to its purpose.

**ARTICLE II: STRUCTURE**

Section 1: Executive Officers

A. The Council shall be led by the following executive Officers:

i. President: The President shall be responsible for representing the views and concerns of the Student Body to the College administration and the community, and for leading efforts to improve student life and resolve student grievances.

ii. The Vice-President shall oversee the Council’s internal management and operations, including its finances, property, information technology, communications, publicity, and services as well as the distribution of Student Activity Fee funds and other Council resources to Contracted Independent Organizations.

B. Each Officer shall have the power, with the majority approval of the Representative Body, to make appointments in his or her area of responsibility as follows:

i. No one but the President may appoint officers and staff whose purpose is to address issues and concerns affecting the Student Body at large. These appointees shall be known as the Masters, Bachelors, and Associate Representatives, and shall be supervised by the Vice-President.

ii. No one but the President may appoint officers and staff whose purpose is to manage the Council’s operations, including its finances, overseas fundraising events and receiving donations from donors toward student activities. The appointee shall be known as the Treasurer, who shall be responsible for managing the Council’s budget.

iii. No one but the Vice-President may appoint officers and staff whose purpose is to oversee and document minutes for meetings, information technology, communications, publicity, and services. The appointee shall known as the Secretary, which shall review all attendance, recording and reporting of minute of meetings.

iv. No one but the President of the Representative Body may appoint officers and staff whose purpose is to manage the affairs of the Representative Body.

Section 2: Representative Body

A. The Representative Body shall act as the legislature of Student Council, and shall have the following powers:

i. To approve allocations of the Student Activity Fee.

ii. To recognize, withdraw recognition, or impose conditions of recognition on all Contracted Independent Organizations.

iii. To sponsor College-wide referenda on any student issue, except for the Honor Code or the Standards of Conduct.

iv. To create and modify Bylaws governing the Council’s structure and procedures, with a two-thirds majority; such Bylaws may not require the use of Council funds for specific purposes.

C. The following rules shall govern the apportionment of Representative seats:

i. Only students enrolled at the College shall be counted towards the apportionment of Representative seats.

ii. Changes to the apportionment of seats shall not take effect until a new Representative Body is elected.

D. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Masters, Bachelors, and Associate Representatives shall serve on the Representative Body in fully capacity.

E. The Representative Body shall elect a Chair from among its membership, who shall preside over the Representative Body and manage its affairs, but shall retain the same voting privileges as all other Representatives.

Section 3: Rules and Ethics

A. The Rules and Ethics shall be admonished for the adjudication of alleged violations of the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as ensuring that all Officers and Representatives are familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws, and procedures of Student Council before taking office.

B. The Representative Body shall have the power to regulate procedures and jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS**

Section 1: Candidacy

A. Candidates shall only run for one position on Student Council.

B. All candidates must be enrolled in an degree program at the International College of the Cayman Islands.

C. Candidates for Representative seats must be enrolled at the International College of the Cayman Islands.

D. All candidates must possess a minimum of 2.0, and must retain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA while serving their time as a student council member.

Section 2: Elections

A. The College President/Elected College Official or its successor body shall have the power to regulate Student Council elections.

B. Elections for Officers and Representatives shall take place annually in the spring semester.

C. During spring elections, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Masters, Bachelors, and Associate Representatives shall be elected by the Student Body at large; Representatives shall be elected by the students enrolled at the International College of the Cayman Islands.

Section 3: Term of Office

A. The term of office for Officers and Representatives shall begin thirty days after the end of Fall elections, or on the last day of fall semester classes after final exams, whichever date occurs first.

B. The term of office for all Officers and Representatives shall end when their successors’ term of office begins.

**ARTICLE IV: IMPEACHMENT, RESIGNATION, AND REPLACEMENT**

Section 1: Impeachment

A. Any elected or appointed member of Student Council may be impeached for malfeasance, gross incompetence, or for failing to fulfill the duties of their position.

B. The procedure for impeachment and removal from office shall be as follows:

i. The Representative Body shall have the power to impeach a member of Student Council by approving a written statement of charges by a majority vote.

ii. The impeached member shall be supplied with the written statement of charges as soon as possible after the vote.

iii. At the next regularly scheduled Student Council meeting, there shall be an impeachment trial with the Representative Body serving as the jury.

iv. After a full hearing of the charges, a two-thirds vote of the Representative Body shall be necessary to vacate the office of the impeached member; impeached members shall have no vote in the removal proceedings.

Section 2: Resignation

A. A member of Student Council may resign from his or her position at any time by submitting a written letter of resignation.

B. Any member of Student Council whose enrollment at the College is terminated, or any representative whose enrollment is terminated in the School that he or she represents, shall be considered to have resigned from his or her position.

Section 3: Replacement

A. A Presidential vacancy shall be filled by the Vice President for Administration, who shall then appoint a replacement Vice-President with the majority approval of the Representative Body.

B. A vacancy in the offices of Vice-President or Vice-President shall be temporarily filled by the President, who shall then appoint a replacement Vice-President or Vice-President with the majority approval of the Representative Body.

C. Representative Vacancies shall be filled by the governing Council of the School whose seat is vacant.

**ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS AND RATIFICATION**

Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

A. Amendments to the Student Council Constitution may be proposed using any of the following methods:

i. By a written petition of twenty-five percent of the full-time student body submitted to the Representative Body.

ii. By a written petition of twenty-five percent, submitted to the Representative Body, and passed by a two-thirds vote of the Representative Body.

iii. By a three-fourths vote of the Representative Body.

Section 2: Amendment Passage

A. Two-thirds of those voting must vote in favor of the amendment during elections.

B. Any changes to the method of apportioning Representative seats shall not take effect until after the next fall election, following approval of these changes by the Student Body.

Section 3: Ratification

A. For ratification of this Constitution, two-thirds of those voting must vote in favor of adopting this Constitution.

B. This Constitution shall take effect upon its ratification.

C. The ratification of this Constitution shall relinquish all previous Constitutions of the International College of the Cayman Islands Student Council.