

Constitution of University of Arkansas Fort Smith International Student Council

Preamble

We, the members of the “**International Student Council**” do hereby establish the constitution in order to manage and support our members educationally, culturally, and socially so that the purpose is realized to its fullest extent.

Article I - Name

“The name of this organization shall be **International Student Council**.”

Article II - Affiliation

International Student Council is not affiliated with the local, state, and national.

Article III - Purpose, Aims and Functions of the Organization

The main purpose of the International Student Council is to educate our university, communities, and society about the aspects of global cultures and to promote higher education to younger generations.

The goals of the International Student Council are as follows: provide the outmost services and diversity to the campus and society, acknowledge all cultures, visitations to k-12 to promote higher education, working and meeting with other global organizations around the states, setting good influences to younger students, visits out of the states, and providing entertainment on campus.

Article IV - Membership Requirements and Limitations

Section A.

Student is currently-enrolled at UA Fort Smith with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00

Student has good standing in terms of behavior and conduct that represents the organization and university well.

Students must also be enrolled in at least three (3) credit hours.

Section B.

The International Student Council openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, and ethnicity or by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Section C.

The membership fee for joining this association is \$5.00

Article V- Officers

Section A.

The officers of the organization must meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25 both before taking office and during the officer's tenure.
- Be in good standing with the University.
- Be currently enrolled in a minimum of nine (9) semester hours at UA Fort Smith.

If the officer does not uphold the aforementioned requirements, the student will no longer be able to serve as an officer of this organization. Any officer can demote his or her self. If the officer does not respectively carry out their duties, they will and can be impeached from their officer position.

Section B.

The International Student Council shall have a president, vice president, treasurer, event coordinator, president-elect, and vice present-elect.

- a. President shall be present at all the meetings to represent the organization and to serve as Chairman of the Legislative body. He/she shall assemble the committee at least twice a month during school session.
- b. Vice president shall officiate with the president and be responsible for, organizing social activities, provide information to the organization and the public, and fundraisers.
- c. Treasurer shall be in charge of all the finances and transactions including records.

** All officers will collaborate together their ideas to further the organization's goals.

Furthermore help out each other with anything necessary. Moreover, any officer should attend all planned events and participate.

Article VI - Voting

Section A. Voting Eligibility

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be grant voting privileges.

Section B. Election Process

Officers shall be chosen in an election of the entire student organization held in August to take office on the 1st of October. The officers-elect will begin assuming responsibilities after elections. A simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient to elect officers. If a simple majority is not obtained, a run-off election shall be held again. In case of vacancy of an office, the legislative office shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy until a special election is held.

Section C. Removal

Any officer in the International Student Council in violation of the organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from the office by the following:

- a. Written request by at least 4 members of the organization
- b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and present a speech.
- c. A 2/3 majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

Section D. Meetings

Meetings will be held at least twice a month. The student officers will schedule the meetings and will follow the procedure below:

- a. Attendance
- b. Report the president
- c. Committee reports
- d. Vote/Elections
- e. Entertainments/ Functions
- f. Dismissal by the President

Article VII Finances

Membership Fee \$5.00

International Student Council will hold fundraisers to organize and support the organization.

International Student Council will have an open bank account.

All money must be deposited 24 hours after collection.

Article VIII- Amendments

- a. The constitution is binding to all membership of the International Student Council. The constitution is not binding unto itself.
- b. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of the International Student Council at any meeting at which $2/3$ of the voting members is present.
- c. Proposed amendments will be effective following approval to $2/3$ majority of vote of active members.

Article IX - Registration Renewal

International Student Council will apply to the office of campus programs for registration on an annual basis one month after International Student Council new officer elections.

Article X - Amendments

Any member wishing to amend the constitution may do so by submitting a copy of the proposal to the board members for consideration. Ratification of these amendments must be require $2/3$ member vote. The student officers will hold a meeting to vote in favor of the proposal. If $2/3$ of those polled approved the proposal, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Article XI - Ratification

Effect will take immediately if $2/3$ of those voting in a general student organization election vote in favor of ratification of this document.