

THE
CHARTER
OF THE
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
OF
CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE
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May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

Preamble

In order to provide an efficient government that represents and enhances the lives of the students and maintains a Christian environment for education and leisure, we the Students of Carson-Newman College hereby establish this document as the Charter of the Student Government Association of Carson-Newman College.

Article I

Purpose of the Student Government Association

The Student Government Association serves to represent the concerns and needs of the Student Body to the Administration of Carson-Newman College. The Association facilitates open communication between the Student Body, Faculty, Staff and Administration. The Association also serves to oversee and assist in the activities of campus organizations through budgetary grant petitions and the Organizational Congress.

Article II

Structure of the Student Government Association

The Student Government Association is composed of two distinct bodies: the Executive Cabinet and the Delegate Assembly. Together, these bodies form the Student Senate.

The Executive Cabinet is composed of six officers. The Chief Justice oversees the judicial operations of the Student Government Association and serves as interpreter in matters of procedure, precedent, and charter or code questions. The Secretary of Projects & Services oversees all public relations campaigns, programming, and any campus projects or service opportunities related to the Student Government Association. The Secretary of Finance oversees the General Budget of the Association and all monetary transactions relating to it. The Vice-President of the Student Body oversees the day-to-day operations of the Student Government Association and serves as evaluator for all legislative activity. The Secretary of Campus Life is the primary voice for campus organizations and ensures full representation for all chartered organizations through the Organizational Congress. The President of the Student Body shall supervise the meetings of the Student Senate. He or she will serve as official ambassador from the Student Body-at-large to the Administration of Carson-Newman College and shall serve any ceremonial duties bestowed upon him or her by the Administration.

Members of the Executive Cabinet must be full-time students of Carson-Newman College, have a cumulative college grade point average of 2.50 or above, and must have earned at least 30 hours of class credit. Members of the Executive Cabinet are elected by the Student Body at-large, take office on Inauguration Day, and serve until the following Inauguration Day.

The Delegate Assembly is composed of twelve Delegates. Each class shall be represented by two delegates: a Chief Delegate and Second Delegate. The status of each Delegate is determined

by his or her total votes received. Further, the Student Body-at-large shall be represented by three delegates: a Chief Delegate, a Second Delegate, and a Third Delegate. Again, the status of each Delegate is determined by his or her total votes received. Should a Class Delegate seat be left vacant, that seat shall be immediately opened as an At-Large Delegate seat and be elected with all due speed. Lastly, the Student Body-at-large shall elect a Secretary for the Student Government Association. This officer shall serve as primary record-keeper and Parliamentarian for meetings of the Student Senate.

Members of the Delegate Assembly serving as class representatives must be full-time students of Carson-Newman College, have a cumulative college grade point average of 2.50 or above, and be members of the class they represent. Members elected at-large must be full-time students of Carson-Newman College and have a cumulative college grade point average of 2.50 or above. Members of the Delegate Assembly take office on Inauguration Day and serve until the following Inauguration Day.

All officers, regardless of seniority or other status, have full voting privileges and rights to present bills or resolutions and may carry out any appropriate action necessary to fulfill the duties of office outlined above.

Lastly, each organization holding a charter with the Student Affairs Office of Carson-Newman College shall be obligated to send one representative to the Organizational Congress of the Student Government Association in order to receive charter and be of good standing. The Congress shall meet no more than four times each semester and no less than twice, with the first meeting taking place by October 15. The meetings and activities of the Congress shall be conducted, supervised, and overseen by the Secretary of Campus Life in conjunction with the President of the Student Body.

Article III

Membership in the Student Government Association

Every student who pays the Student Activity Fee at Carson-Newman College is a member of the Student Government Association of Carson-Newman College and is entitled to the privileges and representation ensured by this Charter and its associated Code Book without regard to sex, race, creed, or ethnic or national origin.

Article IV

The Charter and the Code

The Charter of the Student Government Association serves as the foundational groundwork upon which the Student Body is able to carry out legislative and fiscal action. The Charter is approved upon passage by the Student Senate and subsequently the Student Body. Only a simple majority in each is needed to make changes to the Charter. Before the Charter may be officially adopted or altered, it must be subject to final approval by appropriate officials in the Student Affairs Office.

The Code Book, or C-Book, of the Student Government Association serves as the day-to-day operational guide for the Student Senate. All legislative action carried out by the Senate shall be added to the C-Book. Bills passed by the Student Senate become Code upon approval by appropriate officials in the Student Affairs Office.

Article V

Appendices, Amendments, and Addenda

Any decisions rendered by the Chief Justice shall be noted and recorded in the Code Book in Appendix A. The General Budget for each year shall be recorded in the C-Book in Appendix B. An annually updated list of all chartered organizations shall be recorded in the C-Book in Appendix C. All legislation passed will be recorded in Appendix D. Any other documents of record deemed important to the history of the Association shall be recorded in Appendix E.

Amendments to individual sections of the Code shall be made through the voting process mentioned in Article IV. The most previously amended section shall be moved to Appendix E and noted as nullified by amendment, while the newly amended section will take its place. Outdated sections of the Code may not be removed from the C-Book. Rather, new legislative items should be written nullifying those documents in order to preserve historical and procedural records.