The Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Fleetwood Area High School Student Council

Constitution

Article I—Mission

The mission of the Fleetwood Area High School Student Council is to enhance school spirit, coordinate activities for the entire student body, and to promote leadership, good citizenship, and Student Council involvement within our school, while continuing involvement on the state (PASC) and national (NASC) levels.

Article II—General Purposes of the Organization

The general purpose of the self-funded FAHS Student Council Organization is to teach leadership skills to students of the Fleetwood Area High School. The FAHS Student Council Organization will provide leadership opportunities when possible and provide the Fleetwood Area High School and the Fleetwood Area High School District with opportunities to increase school spirit and provide exemplary role models through good citizenship and Student Council involvement for the student body society of the school.

Article III—Powers Vested in the Organization

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Council Historian. This also includes any other positions deemed necessary by Advisor(s) and/or the Executive Committee.

Article IV—Definition of Membership of the Organization

Section 1--Any student who has at least an 80% grade point average, has filled out the application questionnaire, has signed the constitution, and has been approved by the executive committee and advisor(s), may become a member of the Fleetwood Area High School organization

Section 2--Any student who becomes a member of the Fleetwood Area High School Student Council organization shall be removed if he/she fails to attend meetings. Any member who is not present at more than **three meetings per quarter** without an approved reason shall no longer be an associate of this organization. Approved reasons include, but are not limited to academic remediation, sports, excused absences from school, field trips, and etc. For all of these, notes are required. It should be noted that detention is NOT an excused absence for missing a Student Council meeting.

Section 3--A member may be removed from this organization by the decision of the executive committee and the advisor(s) or by the decision of the advisors and the principal of the school.

Article V—Establishment of the Time, Methods, and Procedures of Nomination and Election

Section 1--Any member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council with at least an 85% GPA, who has completed the membership requirements listed in Article IV and has been a member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council for at least two years may run for the position of Historian in this organization.

Section 2--Any member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council with at least an 85% GPA, who has completed the membership requirements listed in Article IV and has been a member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council for at least two years may run for the position of Treasurer in this organization.

Section 3-- Any member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council with at least an 85% GPA, who has completed the membership requirements listed in Article IV and has been a member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council for at least two years may run for the position of Secretary in this organization.

Section 4-- Any member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council with at least an 85% GPA, who has completed the membership requirements listed in Article IV and has been a member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council for at least two years may run for the position of Vice President in this organization.

Section 5--Any member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council with at least an 85% GPA, who has completed the membership requirements listed in Article IV, and been a member of the Fleetwood Area Student Council for at least three years, may run for President in this organization. If there is no member eligible, the organization will run without a president for that year and the advisor(s) will make presidential decisions.

Section 6--To elect officers, candidates will complete the intent to run form and turn it in to advisor on time. Then, the Fleetwood Area Student Council of the Whole shall hear the speeches of all those running and then they shall vote for each position by secret ballot. The ballots shall be tallied by the advisor(s).

Article VI—Frequency of Meetings and Provision for Special Sessions

Section 1--The Student Council Officers shall meet regularly with the Advisor(s) prior to the Meeting of the Council Whole.

Section 2--Meetings of the Student Council of the Whole shall be held by the FAHS Student Council Organization on a regular basis determined by the executive board at the beginning of the school year.

Section 3--Special meetings may be called at any time by an Officer, the Advisor(s), the Principal, or any Committee Chair

Section 4--All meetings shall be run using an informal parliamentary procedure

Article VII—The Duties and Responsibilities of the Organization as Delegated by the Principal/Adviser(s)
The Officers' and Members' Responsibilities; Committees

Section 1--The Executive Committee shall act as a liaison between the Principal and the Student Council.

Section 2--The Advisor(s) may overturn any decision made by the Student Council if it is in the best interest of the Student Council and the school. At times the Advisor(s) must make decisions for the good of the Student Council and the good of the school. These decisions may not always agree with the wishes of the Executive Committee or the Student Council as a Whole. These decisions MUST be in agreement with the school Principal, however and must be for the greater good of the Student Council and the School. Advisor(s) will be especially responsible for the following (which is a list that may be added to with discretion) without student intervention; vote counting, dates of elections, decision of number of students to attend conferences or workshops, and any job where involving a student may cause upheaval within the natural flow of the school and/or Student Council. These advisor-specific duties are to be determined by the advisor(s), but must be in agreement with the school principal and must be for the greater good of the Student Council and the school.

Section 3--The job description of each officer is attached to this Constitution and Bylaws and should be upheld by each officer elected to office.

Section 4—The Student Council as a Whole will provide community service hours each month to various areas of the high school, faculty members and staff, and the community.

Article VIII—Method and Procedure for Ratification of the Constitution

Section 1--This constitution shall be the governing law of this organization.

Section 2--Ratifications of this constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council of the Whole and approval of the advisor(s) and the principal of Fleetwood Area High School.

Article IX—Provision by which the Constitution may be Amended

Amendments to this constitution may proposed by any member of the governing body. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the FAHS Student Council and approval of the advisor(s) and the principal of the Fleetwood Area High School is needed to add an amendment to this constitution.

Bylaws

Article I—In order to constitute a meeting where decisions are made for this organization, there must be at least be a minimum of two Executive Board Members, one advisor or assistant to the advisor(s) and 5% of the current attending Committee of the Whole.

Article II—Establishment of standing committees and provision for the formation of special committees as needs arise.

Section 1--Each committee shall elect a committee chair on its own. Committee chair responsibilities will be determined by the committee with input from advisor(s) and the Committee of the Whole on an as needed basis as committees are formed.

Section 2--The responsibilities of the committee chairs shall be to run their committee meetings and report the latest happenings within their committees to the Executive Committee and then the Student Council as a Whole.

Section 3—These special committees will handle all decisions and fund raising for selecting a charity beyond the priority charity, which will always be the PASC state charity for that year, and its commitments for the year.

Section 4--Any Officer, the Advisor(s), or the Principal shall appoint any ad hoc committees as needed by the organization.

Article III—Procedure for filling an office which has been vacated during the school year.

Section 1--Should an officer's position become vacant, a new officer should be elected through normal means by the organization as soon as possible (with the exception of the President's position, which is taken over by the Vice President when possible, then the council shall elect a new Vice President.) The position of the officer must be filled by someone who has met the requirements for that position. In lieu of an election, advisor(s) with the approval of the principal, may appoint someone to the position of the missing officer. The choice of election or appointment is the discretion of the advisor(s) and the principal.

Section 2--In the event that there are not individuals available who meet the requirements for the officer position (regardless of the position-including that of the president), the Advisor(s), with the agreement of the Principal, may appoint officers to the positions with the understanding that these students will be the best qualified to fill the position that is currently available. Where the situation suits, Advisor(s) may also choose to allow the Council to run by committee without the officer position being filled.

Article IV—Conference/Workshop Attendees; how they are chosen to go and how it is determined what the FAHS Student Council will pay for conference events.

Section 1--Based on budget allowances for travel, and on what is allowed by the school, advisor(s) of the FAHS Student Council shall choose the number of students the council is able to send to any particular conference.

Section 2--Officers of the Student Council in order of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian and also conference presenters will first be given choice to attend a conference except for conferences in the spring, such as the Region G Conference where seniors may be officers, but may be eliminated so under classmen may attend.

Section 3--After officers, and presenters of the conference, interested Members of the Whole of the FAHS Student Council will be considered to attend a conference. Should there be more students available than slots to go, a lottery will be undertaken and a required paperwork system will be administered at a student council Meeting of the Whole to determine who will go.

Section4--Students attending conferences or workshops as well as guardians/parents thereof will first sign an Agreement Contract which clearly states that if the student is to renege on attendance for which fees have been paid for the event, the student will reimburse the Student Council for the lost funds. Students may find another "advisor accepted" student to attend in his/her place. Very good reasons determined by the advisor(s) and the school principal may allow students to be exempt from the contract. These reasons may include, but are not limited to the following: family emergencies, hospital stays, deaths in the family, etc.

Article V—Earning of Senior Awards and Medals

Section 1--Senior awards will be given to Student Council Officers who are seniors. Those who have shown more than three absences, who have not helped with or attended major Student Council events, whose grade point average has not met Council requirements or who have not maintained proper Council role model status may not receive awards. This is to be determined by the advisor(s) and the school principal.

Section 2--All senior members of the Student Council are eligible to graduate with Student Council medals as long as they have missed no more than three meetings and have maintained all requirements of a FASH Student Council member. This includes a grade point average of 80% or above, role model status, and performance in helping with and attending Student Council events.

Article VI—Procedure for accepting and amending the bylaws

The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present. Further, all members of the FAHS Student Council must sign that they have read and understand this Constitution and Bylaws. With signature, students promise to uphold these laws as members of the FAHS Student Council.

Article VI of the Bylaws of the *FAHS Student Council Constitution and Bylaws* requires all members to print name and sign below, which indicates that the *FAHS Student Council Constitution and Bylaws* have been read and understood by the member. Further, the signed members below agree to uphold these laws as members of the *FAHS Student Council* as of this _____day of _____month in the year _____.

Print Full Name	**Signature**