

Student Council Constitution

Gloucester County Institute of Technology Student Council Constitution

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Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Gloucester County Institute of Technology Student Council**, hereinafter referred to as the "Council."

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to:

1. Foster good citizenship and leadership within the school.
2. Respect and represent the views of all individuals in the GCIT community.
3. Provide students with a voice in school decision-making and planning.
4. Promote school spirit and organize events that enrich student life.
5. Support community engagement and service initiatives.

Article III: Membership

1. **Eligibility:** All GCIT students in grades [specify eligible grades] are eligible for nomination and election to the Council.
2. **Representatives:** Each grade will elect representatives, while officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) are elected by the entire student body.
3. **Duties of Representatives:** Attend all Council meetings, represent their peers, and actively participate in Council activities.

4. **Community Service Requirement:** All Council members are required to complete a minimum of 10 community service hours per semester to maintain active membership.
5. **Attendance Policy:** Members are permitted up to 3 absences per semester. Exceeding this limit will result in probation, during which members must attend all subsequent meetings and events to restore active status.

Article IV: Officers

1. **President:** Leads meetings, sets agendas, and represents the Council in school functions, overseeing all committees.
2. **Vice President:** Assists the President, takes charge in their absence, and ensures effective communication across committees.
3. **Secretary:** Records meeting minutes, organizes Council documents, and handles announcements.
4. **Treasurer:** Manages the Council's funds, prepares budgets, and works with the Fundraising Committee to ensure financial sustainability.
5. **Election of Officers:** Officers are elected annually through a school-wide vote.

Article V: Meetings

1. **Regular Meetings:** The Council will meet weekly on club Friday throughout the school year.
2. **Special Meetings:** May be called by the President or Advisor with a 48-hour notice.

Article VI: Committees

1. **Standing Committees:** Includes Design, Fundraising, and Community Service, each responsible for different areas of Council activities.
2. **Special Committees:** Established as needed by the President for specific projects.

Article VII: Elections

1. **Nominations:** Held in Spring with a nomination process open to all eligible students.
2. **Voting:** Conducted by secret ballot, with results determined by majority vote.

Article VIII: Removal from Office

Any officer or representative may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council for failure to fulfill duties, poor attendance, or failure to meet the community service requirement.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to the constitution require a two-thirds vote of the Council and must be submitted in writing at least one meeting prior to the vote.